



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Dumping and Subsidization of Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China

- On June 15, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty and countervailing duty investigations on imports of certain tow-behind lawn groomers and certain parts thereof (tow-behind lawn groomers) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold tow-behind lawn groomers in the United States at 154.72 to 386.28 percent less than fair value.
- Two Chinese exporters qualified for a separate rate of 154.72 percent. All other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 386.28 percent.
- Mandatory respondents Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd. and Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd. and its affiliate Princeway Limited, withdrew from the antidumping duty investigation and failed to act to the best of their ability in responding to the Department's request for information, and thus are part of the China-wide entity based on adverse facts available.
- In addition, Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have received countervailable subsidies ranging from 0.56 (*de minimis*) to 264.98 percent.
- Mandatory respondents, Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd. and Princeway Limited, and Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd., received net subsidy rates of 0.56 percent (*de minimis*) and 13.30 percent, respectively.
- Maxchief Investments Ltd., Qingdao EA Huabang Instrument Co., Ltd., Qingdao Hundai Tools Co., Ltd., Qingdao Taifa Group Co., Ltd. and World Factory, Inc. did not respond to the Department's request for information, and therefore received a net subsidy rate of 264.98 percent based on adverse facts available.
- All other Chinese exporters received a net subsidy rate of 13.30 percent.
- As a result of these determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these final rates.
- The petitioner for this investigation is Agri-Fab, Inc. (IL).

- Tow-behind lawn groomers are defined as non-motorized tow-behind lawn sweepers, aerators, dethatchers, and spreaders, where such products are designed to incorporate a hitch and are intended to be towed behind a lawn tractor, all terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, riding lawn mower, or similar vehicle. All tow behind lawn groomers are designed to be used in the care and maintenance of lawn and turf.
- Tow-behind lawn groomers are currently classifiable under the subheadings 8432.40.0000, 8432.80.0000, 8432.80.0010, 8432.90.0030, 8432.90.0080, 8479.89.9896, 8479.89.9897, 8479.90.9496, and 9603.50.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce’s written description of the scope of these investigations is final and conclusive.
- From 2006 to 2008, the petitioner estimated that imports of tow-behind lawn groomers from China increased 80.2 percent by volume. In 2008, imports were valued at an estimated \$11.64 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is currently scheduled to issue its final injury determination on or about July 29.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final injury determination that imports of tow-behind lawn groomers from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping and countervailing duty dumping orders.

FINAL DUMPING RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	MARGIN
Nantong D & B Machinery Co., Ltd.	154.72%
Qingdao Huatian Truck Co., Ltd., a.k.a. Qingdao Huatian Hand Truck Co., Ltd.	154.72%
China-Wide (including Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd. and Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd.)	386.28%

FINAL SUBSIDY RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	SUBSIDY RATE
Princeway Furniture (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd. and Princeway Limited	0.56 % (<i>de minimis</i>)
Jiashan Superpower Tools Co., Ltd.	13.30%
Maxchief Investments Ltd.	264.98%
Qingdao EA Huabang Instrument Co., Ltd.	264.98%
Qingdao Hundai Tools Co., Ltd.	264.98%
Qingdao Taifa Group Co., Ltd.	264.98%
World Factory, Inc.	264.98%
All Others	13.30%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	June 24, 2008	June 24, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	July 14, 2008	July 14, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 21, 2008	August 21, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 16, 2009	November 17, 2008
DOC Final Determination	June 15, 2009	June 15, 2009
ITC Final Determination	July 29, 2009	July 29, 2009
Issuance of Orders*	August 5, 2009	August 5, 2009

*This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both Commerce and the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (pcs.)	80,250	112,850	144,600
Value (\$US)	4,991,100	8,920,100	11,643,800

Source: Petitioner's estimates of the volume and value of U.S. imports of subject merchandise from the PRC, as noted in the petition (2008 is a projection estimate from the petition).