



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Initiates Antidumping (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations on Lightweight Thermal Paper from the People's Republic of China (AD/CVD), Germany (AD) and Korea (AD)

- On October 30, the Department of Commerce announced its decisions to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of lightweight thermal paper (LWTP) from the People's Republic of China (China), as well as antidumping investigations on imports of LWTP from Germany and Korea.
- The petitioner for these investigations is Appleton Papers, Inc. (WI).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is a paper coated with chemicals that will react to form images when exposed to heat. LWTP is typically, but not exclusively, used for point-of-sale applications, such as printing receipts and coupons.
- LWTP is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 4811.90.8040 and 4811.90.9090. These HTSUS item numbers are basket categories, covering not only LWTP, but also other types of thermal paper and non-thermal paper. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- In 2006, imports of LWTP from China were valued at an estimated \$54.52 million; imports from Germany were valued at an estimated \$134.35 million; and imports from Korea were valued at an estimated \$3.22 million.

#### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about November 23.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in January 2008 and its preliminary AD determinations in March 2008.

#### Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	108.25%
Germany	29.79 – 75.36%
Korea	40.30 - 65.63%

## Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
China	Above <u>de minimis</u> %

\* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries; less than 2% for developing countries.

## Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	September 18, 2007	September 18, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	October 29, 2007	October 29, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 23, 2007	November 23, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	March 17, 2008	January 2, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	June 2, 2008	March 17, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	July 15, 2008	May 1, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	July 22, 2008	May 8, 2008

\* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

\*\* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the Department of Commerce.

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## Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	101,911,443	73,310,696	22,620,979
Value (\$US)	94,680,309	84,236,534	54,521,699
<b>GERMANY</b>			
	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	60,127,460	66,661,766	72,897,543
Value (\$US)	103,920,606	120,286,905	134,347,034
<b>KOREA</b>			
	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	84,329	168,787	1,677,826
Value (\$US)	400,843	633,290	3,223,524

Source: ITC DataWeb (which uses data issued by the U.S. Bureau of the Census). The following HTSUS subheadings were used: 4811.90.80.00, 4811.90.90.90, 4811.90.80.40 and 4811.90.90.00.

Note: The HTSUS subheading 4811.90.80.40 did not exist until January 2007. Before January 2007, the appropriate HTSUS subheading was 4811.90.80.00. Also, subheading 4811.90.90.90 did not exist until July 2005. Before July 2005, the appropriate subheading was 4811.90.90.00. These HTSUS subheadings are basket categories, covering not only subject merchandise, but also other types of thermal paper and non-thermal paper.