



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks from the People's Republic of China

- On August 21, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of imports of certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Nashville Wire Products, Inc. (TN); SSW Holding Company, Inc. (KY); the United Steelworkers, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is shelving and racks for refrigerators, freezers, combined refrigerator-freezers, other refrigerating or freezing equipment, cooking stoves, ranges, and ovens. The subject merchandise may be coated or uncoated and may be formed and/or welded. Shelving and racks are used by original equipment manufacturers of residential and recreational vehicle refrigerators, freezers, and refrigerators/freezers.
- Excluded from the scope of these investigations is shelving in which the support surface is glass.
- The merchandise subject to these investigations is currently classifiable under the subheadings 8418.99.8050, 7321.90.5000, and 8516.90.8000 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 2005 to 2007, imports of kitchen appliance shelving and racks from China increased 101 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$124 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about September 15.
- 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 on October 24, and its preliminary AD determination on January 7.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGIN RANGE/SUBSIDY RATE:

	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	58.91 - 142.64 %	Above <i>de minimis</i>

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	July 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	August 20, 2008	August 20, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	September 15, 2008	September 15, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	October 24, 2008	January 7, 2009
DOC Final Determinations*	January 7, 2009	March 23, 2009
ITC Final Determination**	May 7, 2009	May 7, 2009
Issuance of Orders***	May 14, 2009	May 14, 2009

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Value (USD)	\$91,458,956	\$97,562,062	\$124,512,886

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 8418.99.8050, 7321.90.5000, and 8516.90.8000). These HTSUS subheadings are basket categories, covering not only subject merchandise, but also other kitchen appliance parts.