



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Commodity Matchbooks from India

- On November 19, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of commodity matchbooks from India. Commodity match books are also commonly known as commodity book matches, paper matches or booklet matches.
- 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.
- The petitioner for these investigations is D. D. Bean & Sons Co. (NH).
- The merchandise subject to these investigations are manufactured ignition devices which typically consists of twenty match stems which are usually made from paper board or similar material tipped with a match head composed of any chemical formula, and are fastened into a matchbook cover of any material. The subject merchandise has no printing on the matchbook cover other than the identification of the manufacturer or importer or, it may be printed with a generic message such as "Thank You."
- Commodity matchbooks are currently classifiable under the subheadings 3605.00.0060 and 3605.00.0030 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.
- In 2007, imports of commodity matchbooks from India were valued at an estimated \$624,375.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about December 13.
- 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 2009, and its preliminary AD determination in April 2009.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGIN RANGE:

	MARGIN
INDIA	135.95%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	October 29, 2008	October 29, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	November 18, 2008	November 18, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 15, 2008	December 15, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	January 22, 2009	April 7, 2009
DOC Final Determinations*	April 7, 2009	June 22, 2009
ITC Final Determination**	May 22, 2009	August 5, 2009
Issuance of Orders***	May 29, 2009	August 12, 2009

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

INDIA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (gross containers)	846,788	75,417	517,590
Value (\$US)	777,263	974,950	624,375

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 3605.00.0060)