



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Commodity Matchbooks from India

- On May 28, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of commodity matchbooks from India. Commodity matchbooks 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.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Indian producers/exporters have sold commodity matchbooks in the United States at 91.71 percent less than normal value.
- The sole respondent, Triveni Safety Matches Pvt. Ltd. (Triveni), received a preliminary dumping rate of 91.71 percent which is also the preliminary dumping rate for all other Indian exporters. In the companion countervailing duty investigation on commodity matchbooks from India, Triveni received a subsidy rate of 11.23 percent, all of which constituted export subsidies.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect a cash deposit or bond equal to the weighted-average dumping margins, adjusted for export subsidies found in the preliminary determination of the companion countervailing duty investigation. Therefore, Commerce will instruct CBP to collect an antidumping duty cash deposit rate of 80.48 percent for Triveni and all other Indian matchbook exporters.
- The petitioner for this investigation is D. D. Bean & Sons Co. (NH).
- The merchandise subject to this investigation is commodity matchbooks. Commodity matchbooks typically, but do not necessarily, consist of twenty match stems which are usually made from paperboard or similar material tipped with a match head composed of any chemical formula. The match stems may be stitched, stapled or otherwise fastened into a matchbook cover of any material, on which a striking strip composed of any chemical formula has been applied to assist in the ignition process.
- Commodity matchbooks included in the scope of this investigation may or may not contain printing; they may have no printing other than the identification of the manufacturer or importer; they may also be printed with a generic message such as “*Thank You*” or a generic image such as the American Flag.
- Commodity matchbooks are currently classifiable under the subheading 3605.00.0060 and may also enter under subheading 3605.00.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce’s written description governs the scope of this investigation.

- From 2007 to 2008, imports of commodity matchbooks from India increased 3.79 percent by volume and were valued at \$473,600 in 2008.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to issue its final determination in October 2009.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination that imports of commodity matchbooks from India materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order.

#### PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	MARGIN	CASH DEPOSIT
Triveni Safety Matches Pvt. Ltd.	91.71%	80.48%*
All Others	91.71%	80.48%*

\*Margin rate minus the subsidy rate of 11.23 percent.

#### CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	October 29, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	November 24, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 15, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	May 27, 2009
DOC Final Determination*	October 13, 2009 (est.)
ITC Final Determination**	November 27, 2009 (est.)
Issuance of Order***	December 4, 2009 (est.)

\* This deadline has been extended under the governing statute.

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

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

#### IMPORT STATISTICS:

INDIA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (gross containers)	75,417	517,590	537,196
Value (\$US)	974,950	624,375	473,600

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