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Inv. No. 731-TA-1163 (Final)

WOVEN ELECTRIC BLANKETS FROM CHINA INJURE U.S. INDUSTRY, SAYS USITC

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of woven electric blankets from China that the U.S. Department of Commerce has determined are sold in the United States at less than fair value.

All six Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission’s affirmative determination, the Department of Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order on imports of these products from China.

The Commission’s public report *Woven Electric Blankets from China* (Investigation No. 731-TA-1163 (Final), USITC Publication 4177, August 2010) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigation.

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FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Woven Electric Blankets from China
Investigation No. 731-TA-1163 (Final)

Product Description: The blankets at issue are finished, semi-finished, and unassembled woven electric blankets (WEBs), including woven electric blankets commonly referred to as throws, of all sizes and fabric types, whether made of man-made fiber, natural fiber, or a blend of both. Semi-finished woven electric blankets and throws consist of shells of woven fabric containing wire. Unassembled woven electric blankets and throws consist of a shell of woven fabric and one or more of the following components when packaged together or in a kit: (1) Wire; (2) controller(s). The shell of woven fabric consists of two sheets of fabric joined together forming a “shell.” The shell of woven fabric is manufactured to accommodate either the electric blanket's wiring or a subassembly containing the electric blanket's wiring (e.g., wiring mounted on a substrate).

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigation: Final antidumping.
2. Petitioner: Sunbeam Products, Inc. doing business as Jarden Consumer Solutions, Boca Raton, FL.
3. Investigation instituted by the USITC: June 30, 2009.
4. Hearing: June 29, 2010.
5. USITC vote: July 28, 2010.
6. USITC determination and views to the U.S. Department of Commerce: August 9, 2010.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of U.S. firms involved in production of WEBs in 2009: One.
2. Production volume is concentrated in Mississippi.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2009: ¹
4. U.S. producer's U.S. shipments in 2009: ¹
5. U.S. apparent consumption in 2009: ¹
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to U.S. apparent consumption in 2009: ¹

U.S. Imports:

1. Quantity of subject imports in 2009: 1.2 million WEBs.
2. Value of subject imports in 2009: \$35 million.

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosure of business proprietary information.