



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China

- On September 28, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of drawn stainless steel sinks from the People's Republic of China (China).
- For the purposes of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters sold drawn stainless steel sinks in the United States at dumping margins of 54.25 percent to 76.53 percent.
- Mandatory respondents Superte Kitchenware Co., Ltd. (Superte) and Guangdong Dongyuan Kitchenware Industrial Co., Ltd. (Dongyuan) received preliminary dumping margins of 63.87 percent and 54.25 percent, respectively. Nineteen other exporters qualified for a separate rate of 59.06 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters received the China-wide preliminary dumping margin of 76.53 percent.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require a cash deposit based on these preliminary rates, as adjusted.
- The petitioner for this investigation is Elkay Manufacturing Company (IL).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is drawn stainless steel sinks from China. Drawn stainless steel sinks are stainless steel sinks with single or multiple drawn bowls and a smooth basin with seamless, smooth, and rounded corners.
- Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls. Fabricated bowls do not have seamless corners, but rather are made by notching and bending the stainless steel, and then welding and finishing the vertical corners to form the bowls. Stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls may sometimes be referred to as "zero radius" or "near zero radius" sinks.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) 7324.10.0000. This HTS number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.
- In 2011, imports of drawn stainless steel sinks from China were valued at an estimated \$118 million.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination February 2013.

- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of drawn stainless steel sinks from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If either Commerce or the ITC's final determination is negative, no AD order will be issued. The ITC will make its final injury determination in January 2013.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS	CASH DEPOSIT RATE*
China	Zhongshan Superte Kitchenware Co., Ltd.	63.87%	56.31%
	Guangdong Dongyuan Kitchenware Industrial Co., Ltd.	54.25%	50.28%
	Guangdong Yingao Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd. (Yingao) (separate rate company in this investigation; mandatory in the CVD investigation)	59.06%	58.49%
	Separate Rate Companies (See Attached List)	59.06%	53.30%
	China-Wide Rate	76.53%	76.15%

*The cash deposit rates take into account the applicable export subsidy rates of 0.10 percent (Superte), 0.090 percent (Dongyuan and the Separate Rate Companies), and 0.080 percent (Yingao and the China-Wide Rate) and domestic subsidy rates of 7.46 percent (Superte), 3.88 percent (Dongyuan and the Separate Rate Companies) and 0.30 percent (Yingao and the China-Wide Rate).

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CHINA AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	March 1, 2012
DOC Initiation Date	March 21, 2012
ITC Preliminary Determination	April 16, 2012
DOC Preliminary Determination	September 27, 2012
DOC Final Determination	February 9, 2013
ITC Final Determination*	March 26, 2013
Issuance of Order**	April 2, 2013

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by the statute. For AD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2009	2010	2011
Volume (units)	2,049,000	2,759,000	3,287,000
Value (US\$)	68,805,000	98,150,000	117,950,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7324.10.0000).

Note: This HTSUS subheading does not differentiate between stainless steel sinks with drawn bowls and those with fabricated bowls. Therefore, import statistics in this table may include non-subject merchandise.

Separate Rate Companies

EXPORTER	PRODUCER
B&R Industries Limited	Xinhe Stainless Steel Products Co., Ltd and Jiamen XHHL Stainless Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Elkay (China) Kitchen Solutions, Co., Ltd.	Elkay (China) Kitchen Solutions, Co., Ltd.
Feidong Import and Export Co., Ltd	Jiangmen Liantai Kitchen Equipment Co.; Jiangmen Xinhe Stainless Steel Product Co., Ltd.
Foshan Shunde MingHao Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.	Foshan Shunde MingHao Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.
Franke Asia Sourcing Ltd.	Guangdong YingAo Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.; Franke (China) Kitchen System Co., Ltd.
Grand Hill Work Company	Zhonsan Xintian Hardware Co., Ltd.
Guangdong G-Top Imp. And Exp. Co., Ltd	Jiangmen Jin Ke Ying Stainless Steel Wares Co., Ltd.
Guangdong Yingao Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.	Guangdong Yingao Kitchen Utensils Co. Ltd.
Hangzhou Heng's Industries Co., Ltd.	Hangzhou Heng's Industries Co., Ltd.
J&C Industries Enterprise Limited	Zhongshan Superte Kitchenware Co., Ltd.
Jiangmen Hongmao Trading Co., Ltd	Xinhe Stainless Steel Products Co., Ltd.
Jiangmen New Star Hi-Tech Enterprise Ltd.	Jiangmen New Star Hi-Tech Enterprise Ltd.
Jiangmen Pioneer Import & Export Co., Ltd	Jiangmen Ouert Kitchen Appliance Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Jiangmen XHHL Stainless Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Jiangxi Zoje Kitchen & Bath Industry Co., Ltd.	Jiangxi Offidun Industry Co. Ltd.

EXPORTER	PRODUCER
Ningbo Oulin Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.	Ningbo Oulin Kitchen Utensils Co., Ltd.
Primy Cooperation Limited	Primy Cooperation Limited
Shunde Foodstuffs Import & Export Company Limited of Guangdong	Bonke Kitchen & Sanitary Industrial Co., Ltd.
Zhongshan Newecan Enterprise Development Corporation	Zhongshan Xintian Hardware Co., Ltd.
Zhuhai Kohler Kitchen & Bathroom Products Co., Ltd.	Zhuhai Kohler Kitchen & Bathroom Products Co., Ltd.