



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty (AD) Investigations of Large Residential Washers from Mexico and the Republic of Korea (Korea) and a Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigation of Large Residential Washers from Korea

- On January 19, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated AD and CVD investigations of imports of large residential washers from Korea (AD/CVD) and Mexico (AD).
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value. For the purpose of CVD investigations, countervailable subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries, or are contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The petitioner is Whirlpool Corporation (corporate headquarters in Benton Harbor, MI, with washing machine production in Clyde, OH).
- Large residential washers are automatic clothes washing machines with a cabinet width (measured from its widest point) of at least 24.5 inches (62.23 cm) and no more than 32.0 inches (81.28 cm).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is all large residential washers and certain subassemblies thereof from Korea and Mexico. For purposes of these investigations, the term “large residential washers” denotes all automatic clothes washing machines, regardless of the orientation of the rotational axis, with a cabinet width (measured from its widest point) of at least 24.5 inches (62.23 cm) and no more than 32.0 inches (81.28 cm). Excluded from the scope are stacked washer-dryers and commercial washers designed for the “pay per use” market.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 8450.11.0040, 8450.11.0080, 8450.20.0090, 8450.90.2000, and 8450.90.6000. Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. These HTS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.
- In 2010, imports of large residential washers from Korea and Mexico were valued at an estimated \$659.1 million and \$450.2 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about February 13, 2012.

- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Korea and Mexico materially injure or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its CVD and AD preliminary determinations in March and June 2012, respectively, unless extended.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
KOREA	31.03 – 82.41 percent
MEXICO	27.21 – 72.41 percent

ESTIMATED SUBSIDY RATE:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
KOREA	Above <i>de minimis</i>*

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	December 30, 2011	December 30, 2011
DOC Initiation Date	January 19, 2012	January 19, 2012
ITC Preliminary Determination*	February 13, 2012	February 13, 2012
DOC Preliminary Determinations**	June 7, 2012	March 26, 2012 [†]
DOC Final Determinations**	August 21, 2012	June 7, 2012
ITC Final Determination***	October 5, 2012	July 23, 2012 [†]
Issuance of Orders****	October 12, 2012	July 30, 2012

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

[†] Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

**These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

***This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

MEXICO	2008	2009	2010
Value (US\$)	320,529,000	382,747,000	450,234,000
KOREA	2008	2009	2010
Value (US\$)	473,914,000	569,756,000	659,109,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 8450.11.0040, 8450.11.0080, 8450.20.0090, 8450.90.2000, and 8450.90.6000). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.