



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from Taiwan

- On October 10, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping (AD) duty investigation of imports of steel wire garment hangers Taiwan.
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses, workers, and farmers with a transparent mechanism to seek relief from the market distorting effects caused by injurious dumping of imports into the United States, and thus to have an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce determined that producers/exporters from Taiwan have sold steel wire garment hangers in the United States at dumping margins ranging from 69.98 to 125.43 percent.
- Mandatory respondent Golden Canyon Ltd. received a final dumping margin of 69.98 percent. Mandatory respondent Taiwan Hanger Manufacturing Co., Ltd received a final dumping margin of 125.43 percent, which is based on adverse facts available because it did not respond to the questionnaire. All other producers/exporters from Taiwan received a final dumping margin of 69.98 percent.
- As a result of the AD final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to continue to collect cash deposits or bonds equal to the weighted-average dumping margins.
- The petitioners for this investigation are: M&B Metal Products Company, Inc. (Leeds, AL), Innovative Fabrication LLC/ Indy Hanger (Indianapolis, IN), and US Hanger Company, LLC (Gardena, CA).
- The merchandise subject to this investigation are steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes. These products may also be referred to by a commercial designation, such as shirt, suit, strut, caped, or latex (industrial) hangers.
- Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are (a) wooden, plastic, and other garment hangers that are not made of steel wire; (b) steel wire garment hangers with swivel hooks; (c) steel wire garment hangers with clips permanently affixed; and (d) chrome plated steel wire garment hangers with a diameter of 3.4 mm or greater.

- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): HTSUS 7323.99.9060, 7323.99.9080, and 7326.20.0020). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Note HTS code 7323.99.9060 was in effect for subject merchandise prior to 2011 and is included for historic data purposes. These HTS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.
- In 2011, imports of steel wire garment hangers from Taiwan were valued at an estimated \$12 million. Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.

**NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before November 23, 2012.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of steel wire garment hangers from Taiwan materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative determination of injury, the investigation will be terminated.

**FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:**

| <b>COUNTRY</b> | <b>EXPORTER/PRODUCER</b>                     | <b>DUMPING MARGINS</b> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Taiwan</b>  | <b>Golden Canyon Ltd.</b>                    | <b>69.98%</b>          |
|                | <b>Taiwan Hanger Manufacturing Co., Ltd.</b> | <b>125.43%</b>         |
|                | <b>All Others</b>                            | <b>69.98%</b>          |

**CASE CALENDAR:**

| <b>EVENT</b>                         | <b>AD INVESTIGATION</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Petition Filed</b>                | <b>December 29, 2011</b> |
| <b>DOC Initiation Date</b>           | <b>January 18, 2012</b>  |
| <b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b> | <b>February 13, 2012</b> |
| <b>DOC Preliminary Determination</b> | <b>July 26, 2012</b>     |
| <b>DOC Final Determination</b>       | <b>October 9, 2012</b>   |
| <b>ITC Final Determination</b>       | <b>November 23, 2012</b> |
| <b>Issuance of Order*</b>            | <b>November 30, 2012</b> |

NOTE: Department preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by the statute. For AD investigations, the final deadline is set forth 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

\*This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative injury determination from the ITC.

**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

| <b>Taiwan</b>      | <b>2009</b>       | <b>2010</b>       | <b>2011</b>       |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Value (USD)</b> | <b>24,652,000</b> | <b>23,033,000</b> | <b>11,827,000</b> |

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7323.99.9060, 7323.99.9080, and 7326.20.0020). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Note HTS code 7323.99.9060 was in effect for subject merchandise prior to 2011 and is included for historic data purposes. Volume could not be calculated, as imports of subject merchandise are reported in multiple units of measure.