



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping and Subsidization of Commodity Matchbooks from India

- On October 16, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of commodity matchbooks from India.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The Department calculated a dumping rate of 66.07 percent for the sole Indian producer/exporter investigated, Triveni Safety Matches, Pvt., Ltd., (Triveni). This rate is also the dumping rate that will be assigned to all other imports of commodity matchbooks from India. In the companion countervailing duty investigation, the Department calculated a subsidy rate of 9.88 percent for Triveni which is also the rate assigned to imports from all other Indian producers/exporters of commodity matchbooks.
- As a result of these final determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond equal to the weighted-average dumping margins. Therefore, Commerce will instruct CBP to collect an antidumping duty cash deposit rate of 66.07 percent for Triveni and all other Indian matchbook exporters. If a countervailing duty order is issued, Commerce will also instruct Customs to collect a cash deposit of 9.88 percent of the value of imports of matchbooks from India.
- The petitioner for these investigations is D. D. Bean & Sons Co. (NH).
- The merchandise subject to these investigations is commodity matchbooks, also known as commodity book matches, paper matches or booklet matches. 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 these investigations 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 increased 3.65 percent by volume and were valued at \$473,600 in 2008.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final injury determination on or about November 30, 2009.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final injury determination that imports of commodity matchbooks from India materially injure, or threaten injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue antidumping and countervailing duty orders.

#### **FINAL DUMPING RATES:**

<b>PRODUCER/EXPORTER</b>	<b>MARGIN</b>
<b>Triveni Safety Matches, Pvt., Ltd.</b>	<b>66.07%</b>
<b>All Others</b>	

#### **FINAL SUBSIDY RATES:**

<b>PRODUCER/EXPORTER</b>	<b>SUBSIDY RATE</b>
<b>Triveni Safety Matches, Pvt., Ltd.</b>	<b>9.88%</b>
<b>All Others</b>	

#### **CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CVD INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATION</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>October 29, 2008</b>	<b>October 29, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>November 18, 2008</b>	<b>November 18, 2008</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>December 15, 2008</b>	<b>December 15, 2008</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations</b>	<b>March 30, 2009</b>	<b>May 27, 2009</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations</b>	<b>October 15, 2009</b>	<b>October 15, 2009</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination</b>	<b>November 30, 2009</b>	<b>November 30, 2009</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders*</b>	<b>December 7, 2009</b>	<b>December 7, 2009</b>

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

#### **IMPORT STATISTICS:**

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

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