



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from Taiwan (AD) and the People's Republic of China (AD/CVD)

- On July 30, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on imports of narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge (narrow woven ribbons) from Taiwan (AD) and the People's Republic of China (China) (AD/CVD).
- 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 petitioner for these investigations is Berwick Offray LLC and its wholly-owned subsidiary Lion Ribbon Company, Inc. (PA).
- The products covered by these investigations include narrow woven ribbons of various woven fibers, less than 12 centimeters in width, and used for decorative purposes such as wrapping a gift box or embellishing apparel.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the categories: 5806.32.1020, 5806.32.1030, 5806.32.1050, 5806.32.1060. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of these investigations.
- Comparing the first quarter of 2008 to the first quarter of 2009,¹ imports of narrow woven ribbons from China increased 53 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$2.2 million. Imports from Taiwan over the same period increased 86 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$6.6 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about August 24.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination on October 5, and its preliminary AD determination on December 16.

¹ Until 2008 subject merchandise entered under a basket HTSUS statistical category, 5806.32.1090; therefore, data for 2006 and 2007 reflect the basket category, while data from 2008 and 2009 (January-March) reflect the four HTSUS statistical categories that are more specific to subject merchandise (5806.32.1020, 5806.32.1030, 5806.32.1050, 5806.32.1060). As the 2008 and 2009 data is more specific to subject merchandise, we provided a comparison between first quarter 2008 and first quarter 2009 volumes and values.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

| COUNTRY | MARGIN |
|---------|------------------|
| China | 208.80 - 231.40% |
| Taiwan | 116.60 - 137.20% |

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

| COUNTRY | SUBSIDY RATE |
|---------|---------------------------|
| China | Above <i>de minimis</i> * |

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

CASE CALENDAR:

| EVENT | CVD INVESTIGATION | AD INVESTIGATION |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Petitions Filed | July 9, 2009 | July 9, 2009 |
| DOC Initiation Date | July 29, 2009 | July 29, 2009 |
| ITC Preliminary Determination* | August 24, 2009 | August 24, 2009 |
| DOC Preliminary Determinations** | October 2, 2009 | December 16, 2009 |
| DOC Final Determinations** | December 16, 2009 | March 1, 2010 |
| ITC Final Determination*** | February 1, 2010 | April 15, 2010 |
| Issuance of Orders**** | February 8, 2010 | April 22, 2010 |

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

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

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

| CHINA | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 (Jan-Mar) | 2009 (Jan-Mar) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Volume (1000s of KG) | 2,159 | 2,052 | 756 | 104 | 159 |
| Value (US \$1,000) | 35, 269 | 32,669 | 16,103 | 2,318 | 2,159 |
| TAIWAN | | | | | |
| TAIWAN | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 (Jan-Mar) | 2009 (Jan-Mar) |
| Volume (1000s of KG) | 3,872 | 4,435 | 1,583 | 226 | 420 |
| Value (US \$1,000) | 61,168 | 68,113 | 25,836 | 4,272 | 6,630 |

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 5806.32.1020, 5806.32.1030, 5806.32.1050, 5806.32.1060), and information from Petitioner. Until 2008 subject merchandise entered under a basket HTSUS statistical category, 5806.32.1090; therefore, data for 2006 and 2007 reflect the basket category, while data from 2008 and 2009 (January-March) reflect the four HTSUS statistical categories that are more specific to subject merchandise (5806.32.1020, 5806.32.1030, 5806.32.1050, 5806.32.1060).