



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Frontseating Service Valves from the People's Republic of China**

- On April 9, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation of imports of frontseating service valves (FSVs) from the People's Republic of China (China). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Parker-Hannifin Corporation (Cleveland, OH) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is FSVs, assembled or unassembled, complete or incomplete, and certain parts thereof. The scope includes FSVs of any size, configuration, material composition or connection type. FSVs are used to isolate sections of an air-conditioning system during installation and servicing, and to permit technicians to provide refrigerant charging and evacuating capabilities.
- FSVs are classifiable under subheading 8481.80.1095, and also have been classified under subheading 8415.90.80.85 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- From 2005 to 2007, imports of FSVs from China increased 51 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$24 million in 2007.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about May 5, 2008.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of FSVs from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determination in August 2008. If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

### Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
CHINA	25.82% - 55.62%

### Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	March 19, 2008
Initiation Date	April 8, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 5, 2008
ITA Preliminary Determination*	August 26, 2008
ITA Final Determination*	November 10, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	December 24, 2008
Publication of Order***	December 31, 2008

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

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

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### Import Statistics:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (pieces/units)	6,749,848	10,540,589	13,746,657
Value (\$US)	8,419,174	16,136,988	24,034,148

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 8481.80.1095).