



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China

- On December 22, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation of imports of uncovered innerspring units (innersprings) from the People's Republic of China (China). Innersprings are used in the manufacture of innerspring mattresses. Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that Chinese exporters/producers have sold innersprings in the United States at 164.75 to 234.51 percent less than normal value.
- The final margins for both mandatory respondents are based on adverse facts available as they failed to cooperate to the best of their ability in the investigation.
- As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (MO) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes uncovered innerspring units composed of a series of individual metal springs joined together in sizes corresponding to the sizes of adult mattresses and units used in smaller constructions, such as cribs and youth mattresses. Also included are innerspring units typically ranging from 30.5 inches to 76 inches in width and 68 inches to 84 inches in length. Innerspring units for crib mattresses typically range from 25 inches to 27 inches in width and 50 inches to 52 inches in length.
- Innersprings are currently classifiable under subheading 9404.29.9010 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be classified under subheadings 7320.20.5010, 7320.90.5010, 7326.20.0070, or 9404.10.0000. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is final and conclusive.
- In 2007, imports of innersprings from China were valued at an estimated \$13.7 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before February 4, 2009.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative determination that imports of innersprings from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
CHINA	Foshan Jingxin Steel Wire & Spring Co., Ltd.	Foshan Jingxin Steel Wire & Spring Co., Ltd.	234.51%
	SEPARATE-RATE RESPONDENTS		
	Anshan Yuhua Industrial Trade Co., Ltd.	Anshan Yuhua Industrial Trade Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	East Grace Corporation	Wuxi Xihuisheng Commercial Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	Hebei Yilian Furniture Co., Ltd.	Hebei Yilian Furniture Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	Nanjing Meihua Import & Export Trade Co., Ltd.	Nanjing Dongdai Furniture, Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	Xilinmen Group Co., Ltd.	Xilinmen Furniture Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	Zhejiang Sanmen Herod Mattress Co., Ltd.	Zhejiang Sanmen Herod Mattress Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	Zibo Senbao Furniture Co., Ltd.	Zibo Senbao Furniture Co., Ltd.	164.75%
	China-Wide Entity		

Mandatory respondent Jiangsu Soho International Group Holding Co., Ltd., did not qualify for a separate rate and is part of the China-wide entity.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	December 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	January 22, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determinations	February 14, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations	July 30, 2008
DOC Final Determinations	December 19, 2008
ITC Final Determination	February 4, 2009
Issuance of Orders*	February 11, 2009

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (Pieces)	1,535,508	1,322,295	1,059,488
Value (\$US)	18,171,628	16,626,1212	13,682,416

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 9404.29.9010)