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Key Facts

Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping & Countervailing Duties Against Coated Paper from Indonesia & China

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Product at Issue

The merchandise covered by this petition consists of certain coated paper and paperboard (CCP) suitable for high quality print graphics using sheet-fed presses, whether in finished sheet form or in semi-finished roll form. CCP has a GE brightness level of 80 or higher. It is coated on one or both sides with kaolin (China or other clay), calcium carbonate, titanium dioxide, and/or other inorganic substances. It can weigh up to 340 grams per square meter; whether gloss grade, satin grade, matte grade, dull grade, or any other grade of finish; whether or not surface-colored, decorated, printed, embossed, or perforated; irrespective of dimensions.

CCP includes coated paper in sheets or in rolls intended to be converted into sheets prior to final printing that meets the definition above. CCP also includes coated groundwood paper produced from bleached chemithermo-mechanical pulp and any other paper that meets the description above.

CCP is typically (but not exclusively) used for printing multi-colored graphics for catalogues, books, magazines, envelopes, labels and wraps, greeting cards, and other commercial printing applications requiring high quality print graphics.

Specifically excluded from the scope are imports of paper or paperboard printed with final content printed text or graphics.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is generally classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS) subheadings: 4810.13.1100, 4810.13.1900, 4810.13.2010, 4810.13.2090, 4810.13.5000, 4810.13.6000. 4810.13.7000, 4810.14.1100, 4810.14.1900, 4810.14.2010, 4810.14.2090, 4810.14.5000, 4810.14.6000, 4810.14.7000, 4810.19.1100, 4810.19.1900, 4810.19.2010, 4810.19.2090, 4810.22.1000, 4810.22.5000, 4810.22.6000, 4810.22.7000, 4810.29.1000, 4810.29.5000, 4810.29.6000, and 4810.29.7000

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Related Proceedings

In 2006, NewPage Corp. filed antidumping & countervailing duty petitions on coated free sheet paper (CFS) from China, Indonesia & Korea. There is significant overlap between the product descriptions for CCP & CFS. In that investigation, Commerce determined that CFS was being dumped in the U.S. by all three countries. However, the U.S. International Trade Commission made negative determinations with respect to imports from all three countries and an final antidumping order was never issued (see Invs. Nos. 701-TA-444-446).

Proposed Dumping Margins

China: 53.1%-91.5%Indonesia: 32%-86%

Volume of Subject Imports in 2008

China: 275,723 (short tons)Indonesia: 53,329 (short tons)

Value of Subject Imports in 2008

China: \$268,614 (in \$1,000s USD)
Indonesia: \$49,249 (in \$1,000s USD)

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