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Petitions Summary – Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, Korea and Spain

I. INTRODUCTION

This memorandum summarizes the Petitions by Appvion Operation, Inc. and Domtar Corporation, filed on October 7, 2020, with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission, for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, Korea and Spain.

II. SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION

The scope of these investigations covers thermal paper in the form of “jumbo rolls” and certain “converted rolls.” Jumbo rolls are defined as rolls with a nominal width of 4.5 inches or more, a nominal weight of 65 pounds or more, and a nominal diameter of 20 inches or more (“jumbo rolls”). All jumbo rolls are included in the scope regardless of the basis weight of the paper. Also included in the scope are “converted rolls” with a width of less than 4.5 inches, and with a basis weight of 70 grams per square meter (“gsm”) or less. The scope covers jumbo rolls and converted rolls of thermal paper with or without a base coat (typically made of clay and/or latex, and/or like materials) on one or both sides; with thermal active coating(s) (typically made

of sensitizer, dye, and co-reactant, and/or like materials) on one or both sides; with or without a top coat (typically made of pigments, polyvinyl alcohol, and/or like materials).

The scope of these investigations covers imports of converted rolls from third countries that are manufactured from jumbo rolls produced in the subject countries.

III. U.S. TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

The merchandise subject to these investigations may be classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4811.90.8030 for jumbo rolls and HTSUS 4811.90.9030 for converted rolls. These HTSUS numbers include imports of thermal paper of all basis weights, and thus, cover all the thermal paper covered by these investigations.

IV. PETITIONER

The Petitioners, Appvion Operations, Inc. and Domtar Corporation, produce thermal paper in the United States and are thus interested parties within the meaning of 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9)(C).

V. NAMED PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS

Please contact our office for a list of Foreign Producers of subject thermal paper.

VI. NAMED IMPORTERS

Please contact our office for a list of U.S. Importers of subject thermal paper.

VII. ALLEGED DUMPING MARGIN

Germany: 51.68% - 56.75% (Koehler); 38.99% (Mitsubishi)

Japan: 104.66% - 113.91% (Nippon Paper)

Korea: 48.42% - 49.98%

Spain: 30.76% - 39.41% (Lecta)