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Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Paper Plates from the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Paper Plates from the People’s Republic of China, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

On February 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of certain paper plates from the People’s Republic of China (China), Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of certain paper plates from China and Vietnam.

Alleged Dumping Margins

Country	Dumping Margins
China	154.57 - 178.80%
Thailand	61.03 - 73.17%
Vietnam	153.09 - 165.27%

Alleged Subsidies Rates

Country	Subsidy Rate
China	Above <i>de minimis</i> *
Vietnam	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

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

Case Calendar

Event	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	January 25, 2024	January 25, 2024
Commerce Initiation Date	February 14, 2024	February 14, 2024
ITC Preliminary Determination*	March 11, 2024	March 11, 2024
Commerce Preliminary Determination	July 3, 2024	April 19, 2024
Commerce Final Determination	September 16, 2024	July 3, 2024
ITC Final Determination**	October 31, 2024	August 19, 2024
Issuance of Order***	November 7, 2024	August 26, 2024

NOTE: Commerce's preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

* If the International Trade Commission (ITC) makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, then the corresponding AD/CVD investigation will be terminated.

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Import Statistics

China	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	38,775,203	71,569,838	60,108,753
Value (USD)	\$97,765,716	\$178,579,734	\$137,694,801
Thailand	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	108,137	2,405,681	2,049,386
Value (USD)	\$284,654	\$5,813,950	\$4,948,264
Vietnam	2021	2022	2023
Volume (KG)	1,359,703	2,772,059	3,725,175
Value (USD)	\$5,549,040	\$9,308,231	\$9,001,008

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through S&P Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 4823.69.0040). Imports of certain paper plates enter under HTSUS subheading(s) that may cover subject and non-subject merchandise. Therefore, publicly available import data

may not accurately reflect actual imports of certain paper plates covered by the scope of the investigations.

Other Case Information

- The petitioner is the American Paper Plate Coalition, which consists of AJM Packaging Corporation (Bloomfield Hills, MI); Aspen Products, Inc. (Kansas City, MO); Dart Container Corporation (Mason, MI); Hoffmaster Group, Inc. (Oshkosh, WI); Huhtamaki Americas, Inc. (De Soto, KS); and Unique Industries, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA).
- For general information and next steps, please refer to a [list of initiation FAQs](#).
- Additional case information, including the scope of the investigation, is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). Once you [log in](#), please refer to case numbers: A-570-164 and C-570-165 for the AD and CVD investigations for China, respectively, A-549-849 for the AD investigation for Thailand; and A-552-839 and C-552-840 for the AD and CVD investigations for Vietnam.
- The alleged subsidy programs include provisions of goods or services for less than adequate remuneration, preferential lending, export credit programs, tax programs, grant programs, and other subsidies. For more information on subsidy programs, please refer to the [subsidies enforcement library](#).
- To date, Commerce maintains 678 AD and CVD orders that provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade.