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Initiation of AD CVD Investigations of Paper Shopping Bags from Cambodia, China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Portugal, Taiwan, Turkey, Vietnam

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Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Paper

Shopping Bags from Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Portugal, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

On June 21, 2023 , the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of certain paper shopping bags from Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (China), Colombia, India, Malaysia, Portugal, Taiwan, the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam).

Alleged Dumping Margins:

Country	Dumping Margins
Cambodia	18.21 % -248.81 %
China	93.10 % -237.02 %
Colombia	56.14 %
India	26.45 % -96.15 %
Malaysia	148.19 %
Portugal	31.12 % -188.78 %

Country	Dumping Margins
Taiwan	60.26 %-65.81 %
Turkey	13.65 %-47.56 %
Vietnam	27.64 %-92.34 %

Alleged Subsidies Rates:

Country	Subsidy Rates
India	Above de minimis*
The People's Republic of China	Above de minimis*

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

Case Calendar:

Event	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	May 31, 2023	May 31, 2023
Commerce Initiation Date	June 20, 2023	June 20, 2023
ITC Preliminary Determination*	July 17, 2023	July 17, 2023
Commerce Preliminary Determination	November 7, 2023	August 24, 2023

Event	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Commerce Final Determination	January 22, 2024	November 7, 2023
ITC Final Determination**	March 7, 2024	December 22, 2023
Issuance of Order***	March 14, 2024	December 29, 2023

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 Act. 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(s) will be terminated.

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Import Statistics:

Cambodia	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	729,482	2,247,251	5,480,681
Value (USD)	\$1,766,157	\$6,353,949	\$14,843,997
China	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	82,161,424	112,185,158	108,682,148

China	2020	2021	2022
Value (USD)	\$233,963,087	\$305,431,276	\$336,921,662
Colombia	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	3,574,540	6,601,164	7,905,896
Value (USD)	\$5,039,108	\$10,113,989	\$15,248,758
India	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	6,628,296	19,339,502	33,641,195
Value (USD)	\$11,870,307	\$34,429,490	\$65,600,920
Malaysia	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	2,809,008	7,292,096	7,135,269
Value (USD)	\$5,030,275	\$11,285,308	\$16,635,649
Portugal	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	4,032,570	6,966,032	6,347,860
Value (USD)	\$8,724,615	\$16,877,151	\$19,488,938
Taiwan	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	5,563,618	9,929,869	11,064,768
Value (USD)	\$11,740,055	\$19,212,202	\$23,421,464
Turkey	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	8,340,741	13,212,821	8,375,327
Value (USD)	\$13,923,752	\$25,358,393	\$20,648,173
Vietnam	2020	2021	2022
Volume (KG)	20,822,157	40,804,172	45,404,843

Vietnam	2020	2021	2022
Value (USD)	\$74,263,599	\$104,549,891	\$143,910,028

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through IHS Markit's Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 4819.30.0040 and 4819.40.0040. Imports of certain paper shopping bags enter under HTSUS subheadings that may cover subject and non-subject merchandise. Therefore, publicly available import data may not accurately reflect actual imports of certain paper shopping bags covered by the scope of the investigations.

Other Case Information

- The petitioner is the Coalition for Fair Trade in Shopping Bags, the members of which include Novolex Holdings, LLC (Charlotte, NC) and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (Pittsburgh, PA).
- For general information and next steps, please refer to a **list of initiation FAQs**.
- For more information on subsidy programs, please refer to the **subsidies enforcement library**.
- Additional case information including the scope of the investigations, are 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-555-002 for Cambodia, A-570-152 and C-570-153 for China, A-301-805 for Colombia, A-533-917 and C-533-918 for India, A-557-825 for Malaysia, A-471-808 for Portugal, A-583-872 for Taiwan, A-489-849 for Turkey, and A-552-836 for Vietnam.
- To date, Commerce maintains 668 AD and CVD orders that provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade.