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Inv. Nos. 701-TA-514 and
731-TA-1250 (P)

USITC VOTES TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS ON 53-FOOT DOMESTIC DRY CONTAINERS FROM CHINA

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that there is a reasonable indication that the establishment of a U.S. industry is materially retarded by reason of imports of 53-foot domestic dry containers from China that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

Chairman Irving A. Williamson and Commissioners Dean A. Pinkert, David S. Johanson, and Rhonda K. Schmittlein voted in the affirmative. Commissioners Meredith M. Broadbent and F. Scott Kieff voted in the negative.

As a result of the Commission’s affirmative determinations, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its investigations on imports of these products, with its preliminary countervailing duty determination due on or about July 17, 2014, and its antidumping duty determinations due on or about September 30, 2014.

The Commission’s public report *53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers from China* (Investigation Nos. 701-TA-514 and 731-TA-1250 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 4474, June 2014) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

The report will be available after July 9, 2014. After that date, it may be accessed on the USITC website at: http://pubapps.usitc.gov/applications/publogs/qry_publication_loglist.asp. Copies also may be requested after that date by emailing pubrequest@usitc.gov, calling 202-205-2000, or writing to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Requests may be made by fax at 202-205-2104.

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FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

53-Foot Domestic Dry Containers from China
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-514 and 731-TA-1250 (Preliminary)

Product Description: 53-foot domestic dry containers (“certain domestic containers”) are closed van containers generally measuring 53 feet in length, which are designed to transport dry goods primarily by rail or by road vehicles, or by a combination of both modes. Certain domestic containers are specifically designed for the movement of freight by multiple means of transportation throughout North America. They are typically made of panels of corrugated carbon steel, typically welded together or mechanically fastened, and are closed on all sides, including the top, and accessed through lockable double doors at one end. The length is specified as 53 feet because this is the longest length allowed by U.S. states for use on highways and roads, and as a result, domestic containers are only used in the North American intermodal freight market. Domestic containers are “dry” because the containers are not designed or intended for carrying liquids or goods requiring refrigeration. They have various handlings and fittings so that the containers can be lifted and then mounted on various platforms for movement, such as a chassis, a railroad well car, or a ship.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigations: Preliminary antidumping and countervailing duty.
2. Petitioner: Stoughton Trailers, LLC, Stoughton, Wisconsin.
3. Preliminary investigations instituted by the USITC: April 23, 2014.
4. Commission’s conference: May 14, 2014.
5. USITC vote: June 6, 2014.
6. USITC determinations issued: June 9, 2014.
7. USITC views issued: June 16, 2014.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2013: One.
2. Location of producer’s plant: Evansville, Wisconsin.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2013: ¹
4. Apparent U.S. consumption in 2013: ¹
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to total U.S. consumption in 2013: ¹

U.S. Imports:

1. From the subject countries during 2013: ¹
2. From other countries during 2013: None.
3. Leading sources during 2013: China.

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosure of business proprietary information.