

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC**

**Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1378-1379 (Preliminary)**

**Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from Korea and Taiwan**

**DETERMINATION**

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of low melt polyester staple fiber from Korea and Taiwan, provided for in subheading 5503.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”).

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determinations in those investigations under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 27, 2017, Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America, Livingston, New Jersey filed a petition with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of low melt polyester staple fiber from Korea and Taiwan. Accordingly, on June 27, 2017, the Commission, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), instituted antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1378-1379 (Preliminary).

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<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of July 3, 2017 (82 FR 30907). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 18, 2017, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on August 11, 2017. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4720 (August 2017), entitled *Low Melt Polyester Staple Fiber from Korea and Taiwan: Investigation Nos. 1378-1379 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

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