

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-490 and 731-TA-1204 (Final) (Remand)

HARDWOOD PLYWOOD FROM CHINA

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of remand proceedings

SUMMARY: The U.S. International Trade Commission (“Commission”) hereby gives notice of the court-ordered remand of its final determinations in the countervailing and antidumping duty investigations of hardwood plywood from China. For further information concerning the conduct of these remand proceedings and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subpart A (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 18, 2016

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Ruggles (202-205-3187), Office of Investigations, or Robin L. Turner (202-205-3103), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record of Investigation Nos. 701-TA-490 and 731-TA-1204 (Final) may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. – In November 2013, the Commission determined by an unanimous vote by the five participating Commissioners that an industry in the United States was not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of hardwood plywood from China that were sold in the United States at less than fair value and that were subsidized by the Government of China. Petitioners and domestic producers contested the Commission’s determinations before the U.S. Court of International Trade (“CIT”). The CIT remanded certain issues to the Commission and affirmed all other aspects of the Commission’s determinations. *Coalition of Fair Trade of Hardwood Plywood v. United States International Trade Commission*, Slip. Op. 16-57 (Ct. Int’l Trade June 8, 2016).

Participation in the proceeding. – Only those persons who were interested parties that participated in the investigations (*i.e.*, persons listed on the Commission Secretary’s service list) and also parties to the appeal may participate in the remand proceedings. Such persons need not make any additional notice of appearances or applications with the Commission to participate in the remand proceedings, unless they are adding new individuals to the list of persons entitled to receive business proprietary information (“BPI”) under administrative protective order. BPI referred to during the remand proceedings will be governed, as appropriate, by the administrative protective order issued in the investigations. The Secretary will maintain a service list containing the names and addresses of all persons or their representatives who are parties to the remand proceedings, and the Secretary will maintain a separate list of those authorized to receive BPI under the administrative protective order during the remand proceedings.

Written Submissions. – The Commission is not reopening the record and will not accept the submission of new factual information for the record. The Commission will permit the parties to file comments concerning how the Commission could best comply with the Court’s remand instructions.

The comments must be based solely on the information in the Commission’s record. The Commission will reject submissions containing additional factual information or arguments pertaining to issues other than those on which the Court has remanded this matter. The deadline for filing comments is August 1, 2016. Comments shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) double-spaced and single-sided pages of textual material.

Parties are advised to consult with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 C.F.R. part 201), and part 207, subpart A (19 C.F.R. part 207) for provisions of general applicability concerning written submissions to the Commission. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission’s rules. The Commission’s *Handbook on E-Filing*, available on the Commission’s website at <http://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission’s rules with respect to electronic filing.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission’s rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

By order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Barton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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