UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, DC

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-649 and 731-TA-1523 (Final)

Twist Ties from China

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of twist ties from China, provided for in subheadings 8309.90.00 and 5609.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") to be sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), and to be subsidized by the government of China.²

BACKGROUND

The Commission instituted these investigations effective June 26, 2020, following receipt of petitions filed with the Commission and Commerce by Bedford Industries, Inc., Worthington, Minnesota. The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of twist ties from China were subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)) and sold at LTFV within the meaning of 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigations and of a public hearing 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* on December 22, 2020 (85 FR 83613). In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building due to the COVID—19 pandemic, the Commission conducted

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Chair Jason E. Kearns and Commissioner David S. Johanson dissenting.

its hearing through written testimony and video conference on February 16, 2021. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to §§ 705(b) and 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on April 8, 2021. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5179 (April 2021), entitled *Twist Ties from China: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-649 and 731-TA-1523 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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