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Trade Briefs

U.S. ITC Releases Year in Trade

On July 30, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) released its annual "Year in Trade" report for 2008. The report covers developments in U.S. trade policy, including regional, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements. The report also offers a comprehensive list of the various trade remedy actions undertaken by the U.S. under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

The ITC is required by Congress to submit an annual report on the operation of the trade agreement program. This year's report is over 200 pages, and it is a comprehensive assessment from the ITC on U.S. trade in goods and services over the past year. The report notes the drop in international trade as a result of the global economic crisis. The U.S. trade deficit has recently plateaued after a long period of growth since 1991, a result of the general stagnation of global trade.

The report lists new trade cases. The ITC counts 13 new antidumping (AD) cases and 32 completed AD cases in 2008. The ITC counts 6 new countervailing duty (CVD) cases and 7 completed CVD cases. The ITC also chronicled new and completed Section 301 cases, sunset reviews, Section 337 investigations, and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) investigations.

The ITC's report describes the various preference programs. The report describes the use of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), and the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) over 2008.

The ITC's report details the currently active free trade agreement (FTAs) that the U.S. is a party to, developments in new negotiations for future FTAs (such as with the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement, as well as merchandise trade flows with the U.S.'s FTA partners.

The ITC's report says that U.S. merchandise trade with Japan in 2008 was valued at \$201 billion, which accounts for a little over 6% of U.S. merchandise trade with the world. U.S. exports to Japan amounted to \$61.4 billion and imports from Japan were \$139 billion. The ITC said that the trade relationship in 2008 focused on U.S. beef exports to Japan as well as deregulation of Japan's economy.

Dumping Watch

Final Determination in CVD Case on Chinese Kitchen Shelving

On July 27, the Department of Commerce (DOC) published its notice a final affirmative determination in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation into certain kitchen shelving and racks from China.

The DOC initiated this investigation in August 2008. Subsequently, the International Trade Commission (ITC) issued an affirmative preliminary determination that there is a reasonable indication that imports of Chinese kitchen shelving materially injure a domestic industry. The DOC then reached an affirmative preliminary determination.

Now, the DOC has reached its final affirmative determination and calculated the following weighted-average countervailable subsidy rates:

Guangdong Wire King Co., Ltd.	13.30%
Asber Enterprises Co., Ltd.	170.82%
Changzhou Yixiong Metal Products Co., Ltd.	149.91%
Foshan Winleader Metal Products Co., Ltd.	149.91%
Kingsun Enterprises Group Co., Ltd.	149.91%
Yuyao Hanjun Metal Work Co./Yuyao Hanjun Metal Products Co., Ltd.	149.91%
Zhongsan Iwatani Co., Ltd.	149.91%
All-Others	13.30%

If the ITC issues a final affirmative injury determination, the DOC will issue a CVD order.

Federal Register Notices

International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments 74 FR 37979-37980, July 30, 2009.

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Deferral of Administrative Review 74 FR 37690-37693, July 29, 2009.

[A-570-886] Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 74 FR 37694-37698, July 29, 2009.

[A-552-801] Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Amended Final Results of New Shipper Review 74 FR 37188-37189, July 28, 2009.

[A-570-951] Certain Woven Electric Blankets From the People's Republic of China:
Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation 74 FR 37001-37007, July 27, 2009.

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Review 74 FR 37007-37012, July 27, 2009.

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Certain Products Containing Same and Methods of Using Same;** Order: Denial of Motion
for a Stay of Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders 74 FR 38229, July 31, 2009.

**[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-457 and 731-TA-1153 (Final)] Certain Tow-Behind Lawn
Groomers and Parts Thereof From China** 74 FR 38228-38229, July 31, 2009.

**[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-466 and 731-TA-1162 (Preliminary)] Wire Decking From
China** 74 FR 38229-38230, July 31, 2009.

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

**Request for Comments Concerning Free Trade Agreement With the Republic of
Colombia** 74 FR 37759-37760, July 29, 2009.

Request for Comments Concerning Free Trade Agreement With the Republic of Korea
74 FR 37084, July 27, 2009.

The Week Ahead

- On August 4, the ITC will hold a commission vote on the five-year review adequacy determination regarding pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy.