



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China**

- On March 19, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of steel wire garment hangers from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Commerce preliminarily determined that producers/exporters of steel wire garment hangers from China have sold steel wire garment hangers in the United States at 33.85 to 221.05 percent less than fair value. As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.
- The petitioner for this investigation is M&B Metal Products Company, Inc. (AL).
- The scope of this investigation covers certain steel wire garment hangers, fabricated from carbon steel wire, whether or not galvanized or painted, whether or not coated with latex or epoxy or similar gripping materials, and/or whether or not fashioned with paper covers or capes (with or without printing) and/or nonslip features such as saddles or tubes. Steel wire garment hangers are produced primarily for use by the dry cleaning, industrial laundry, textile, and uniform rental industries.
- Steel wire garment hangers are classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under the subheading 7326.20.00, and reported under statistical reporting number, 7326.20.0020. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- This investigation excludes wooden, plastic, or other garment hangers that are covered under separate subheadings of the HTSUS.
- From 2006 to 2007, imports of steel wire garment hangers from China increased 52 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$68.5 million in 2007.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in June 2008.
- If Commerce makes a final affirmative determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final determination that imports of steel wire garment hangers from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order.

## Preliminary Dumping Margins:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGINS
Shanghai Wells Hanger Co Ltd.	33.85 %
Shaoxing Metal Companies: Shaoxing Gangyuan Metal Manufactured Co., Ltd., Shaoxing Andrew Metal Manufactured Co., Ltd., Shaoxing Tongzhou Metal Manufactured Co., Ltd., Company "X"*	164.54 %
China Wide Rate	221.05 %
Separate Rate Respondents (See Attached)	83.98 %

\*The identity of this company is business proprietary information.

## Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	July 31, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	September 10, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	October 18, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination	March 18, 2008
DOC Final Determination*	June 2, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	July 16, 2008
Issuance of Order***	July 23, 2008

\* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

\*\* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by Commerce.

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## Import Statistics:

COUNTRY		2005	2006	2007
China	Value (\$US)	31,438,807	45,253,567	68,519,407
	Volume (pieces)	1,044,700,856	1,777,679,847	2,697,369,183

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 7326.20.0020)

## SEPARATE RATES

<b>EXPORTER/PRODUCER</b>	<b>MARGIN</b>
Jiangyin Hongji Metal Products Co., Ltd	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Meideli Metal Hanger Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Dingli Metal Clotheshorse Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Liangbao Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Zhongbao Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shangyu Baoxiang Metal Manufactured Co. Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Zhejiang Lucky Cloud Hanger Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Pu Jiang County Command Metal Products Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Shunji Metal Clotheshorse Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Ningbo Dasheng Hanger Ind. Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Jiaxing Boyi Medical Device Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Yiwu Ao-Si Metal Products Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>
Shaoxing Guochao Metallic Products Co., Ltd.	<b>83.98 %</b>