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SOME CHINESE MANUFACTURERS RECEIVE 43% DUTY RATE

Review covers bedroom furniture imports in 2008

WASHINGTON - A number of Chinese manufacturers received a 43% antidumping import duty rate on 2008 wood bedroom furniture shipments in a review just released by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The administrative review is an audit the DOC performs on a number of Chinese factories.

Some of the factories are those that the U.S. petitioners, a group of domestic manufacturers harmed by imports, believed warranted further scrutiny beyond the initial duties assigned in late 2004. Others are companies that have applied for reviews as new shippers to the U.S. market.

Importers of record must pay the duties. If the rates are higher than what importers originally set aside, they must pay the difference.

These duties result from the U.S. government's investigation into alleged dumping, or selling at prices deemed below normal value in the U.S. market.

This is the fourth administrative review performed in the wood bedroom furniture case and covers all shipments made in 2008.

In the final results, the following companies received a 43.23% rate:

Dongguan Sunrise Furniture, Taicang Sunrise Wood Industry, Taicang Fairmount Designs Furniture and Meizhou Sunrise Furniture
Longrange Furniture
Langfang Tiancheng Furniture
Shun Feng Furniture
COE Ltd.
Tianjin Fortune Furniture
Transworld Furniture
Decca Furniture
Dongguan Landmark Furniture Products
Winy Overseas
Dongguan Yihaiwei Furniture
Baigou Crafts Factory of Fengkai
Zhongshan Gainwell Furniture Co.

Fairmont Designs, which previously was assigned a 7.24% rate, had met with DOC officials regarding the case.

Joe Dorn, legal counsel for the U.S. petitioners in the case, known as the American Furniture Manufacturers Committee for Legal Trade, supplied a statement from the group on the DOC review:

"The Commerce Department should be commended for devoting the resources necessary to develop a complete factual record that allowed an accurate calculation of Fairmont's dumping

margin. We are pleased with the results, which will ensure that dumped imports from the Chinese companies participating in this review will be assessed appropriate antidumping duties. Our clients will continue to aggressively enforce the antidumping order to protect U.S. factories and U.S. jobs."

The DOC also determined to keep the China-wide rate at 216%. It named 34 companies that did not provide separate rate applications and are not eligible for separate rate status.

The department also announced its intent to rescind the administrative review for 25 companies that reported no shipments during the period of review.

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