



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Dumping and Countervailable Subsidization of Imports of Ceramic Tile from China

- On March 31, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of ceramic tile from China.
- The AD and CVD laws provide U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent, quasi-judicial, and internationally accepted mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects of injurious dumping and subsidization of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of an AD investigation, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value. For the purpose of a CVD investigation, a countervailable subsidy is financial assistance from a foreign government that benefits the production of goods from foreign companies and is limited to specific enterprises or industries, or is contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- In the China AD investigation, Commerce assigned a final dumping rate of 356.02 percent for mandatory respondents Belite Ceramics (Anyang) Co., Ltd. and Foshan Sanfi Import & Export Co., Ltd., and found that these respondents are a part of the China-wide entity. Commerce calculated a final dumping margin of 229.04 percent for the non-selected respondents eligible for a separate rate, and assigned a final dumping margin of 356.02 percent for the China-wide entity.
- In the China CVD investigation, Commerce assigned a final subsidy rate of 358.81 percent, based entirely on adverse facts available, to mandatory respondents Temgoo International Trading Limited and Foshan Sanfi Imp & Exp Co., Ltd. The final subsidy rate for all other Chinese producers and exporters is also 358.81 percent.
- Upon publication of the final affirmative AD determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect AD cash deposits equal to the applicable final weighted-average dumping rates. Further, as a result of the affirmative final CVD determinations, if the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative injury determinations, Commerce will instruct CBP to resume collection of CVD cash deposits equal to the applicable subsidy rates.
- The petitioner is the Coalition for Fair Trade in Ceramic Tile, whose members are American Wonder Porcelain (Lebanon, TN), Crossville, Inc. (Crossville, TN), Dal-Tile Corporation (Dallas, TX), Del Conca USA, Inc. (Loudon, TN), Florida Tile, Inc. (Lexington, KY), Florim USA (Clarksville, TN), Landmark Ceramics (Mount Pleasant, TN), and StonePeak Ceramics (Chicago, IL).
- The scope of these investigations is listed in Appendix I.
- In 2018, imports of ceramic tile from China were valued at an estimated \$481.3 million.

- The Final Decision Memoranda are on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. Please refer to case numbers A-570-108 and C-570-109 for the China AD and CVD investigations, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The ITC is scheduled to make its final determinations on or about May 14, 2020.
- If the ITC makes affirmative final determinations that imports of ceramic tile from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD and CVD orders. If the ITC makes negative determinations of injury, the investigations will be terminated.

FINAL DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATE	CASH DEPOSIT RATE*
China	Belite Ceramics (Anyang) Co., Ltd	356.02%	330.69%
	Foshan Sanfi Import & Export Co., Ltd.	356.02%	330.69%
	Separate Rate Companies**	229.04%	203.71%
	China-wide Entity	356.02%	330.69%

*Rates are adjusted for export subsidies.

**See the *Federal Register* notice for a list of companies receiving a separate rate.

FINAL SUBSIDY RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	SUBSIDY RATE
China	Foshan Sanfi Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.	358.81%
	Temgoo International Trading Limited.	358.81%
	All Others	358.81%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD	AD
Petitions Filed	April 10, 2019	April 10, 2019
DOC Initiation Date	April 30, 2019	April 30, 2019
ITC Preliminary Determinations	May 28, 2019	May 28, 2019
DOC Preliminary Determinations	September 6, 2019	November 6, 2019
DOC Final Determinations	March 30, 2020	March 30, 2020
ITC Final Determinations	May 14, 2020	May 14, 2020
Issuance of Orders*	May 21, 2020	May 21, 2020

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a) of the Act.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2016	2017	2018
Volume (Square Meters)	53,839,649	61,044,471	64,133,004
Value (USD)	405,982,080	457,776,925	481,274,815

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (HTSUS 6907 and 6908).

Appendix I:

The merchandise covered by these investigations is ceramic flooring tile, wall tile, paving tile, hearth tile, porcelain tile, mosaic tile, flags, finishing tile, and the like (hereinafter ceramic tile). Ceramic tiles are articles containing a mixture of minerals including clay (generally hydrous silicates of alumina or magnesium) that are fired so the raw materials are fused to produce a finished good that is less than 3.2 cm. in actual thickness. All ceramic tile is subject to the scope regardless of end use, surface area, and weight, regardless of whether the tile is glazed or unglazed, regardless of the water absorption coefficient by weight, regardless of the extent of vitrification, and regardless of whether or not the tile is on a backing. Subject merchandise includes ceramic tile with decorative features that may in spots exceed 3.2 cm in thickness and includes ceramic tile “slabs” or “panels” (tiles that are larger than 1 square meter (11 square ft.)). Subject merchandise includes ceramic tile that undergoes minor processing in a third country prior to importation into the United States. Similarly, subject merchandise includes ceramic tile produced that undergoes minor processing after importation into the United States. Such minor processing includes, but is not limited to, one or more of the following: beveling, cutting, trimming, staining, painting, polishing, finishing, additional firing, or any other processing that would otherwise not remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope product. Subject merchandise is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the following subheadings of heading 6907: 6901.21.1005, 6907.21.1011, 6907.21.1051, 6907.21.2000, 6907.21.3000, 6907.21.4000, 6907.21.9011, 6907.21.9051, 6907.22.1005, 6907.22.1011, 6907.22.1051, 6907.22.2000, 6907.22.3000, 6907.22.4000, 6907.22.9011, 6907.22.9051, 6907.23.1005, 6907.23.1011, 6907.23.1051, 6907.23.2000, 6907.23.3000, 6907.23.4000, 6907.23.9011, 6907.23.9051, 6907.30.1005, 6907.30.1011, 6907.30.1051, 6907.30.2000, 6907.30.3000, 6907.30.4000, 6907.30.9011, 6907.30.9051, 6907.40.1005, 6907.40.1011, 6907.40.1051, 6907.40.2000, 6907.40.3000, 6907.40.4000, 6907.40.9011, and 6907.40.9051. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings of headings 6914 and 6905: 6914.10.8000, 6914.90.8000, 6905.10.0000, and 6905.90.0050. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.