



CBP AD/CVD Outreach to U.S. Manufacturers Continues

On July 26, 2016, CBP staff from the Apparel, Footwear and Textiles Center of Excellence and Expertise, Laboratory and Scientific Services Division, and AD/CVD Division visited the Georgia facility of Tara Materials (Tara). Tara produces artist and print canvas and is a petitioner in the antidumping duty order on artist canvas from China. The meeting provided for sharing information and valuable discussions on product expertise and market intelligence.

Tara representatives clearly defined the evolution of the U.S. artist canvas industry, highlighting product and industry structures, closed U.S. companies, lost jobs, and Tara's own U.S. customer loss to Chinese competitors. Based on import data, they further illustrated methods to potentially evade the antidumping duties. Specific discussions between Tara lab chemists and CBP focused on testing procedures for determining country of origin. CBP officials clarified the entry and enforcement processes for Tara staff. Tara and CBP will continue to work together to enforce the antidumping duty order on artist canvas from China.

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report on CBP's AD/CVD Collections (GAO-16-542)

On July 14, 2016, GAO published its report, which estimated that \$2.3 billion in antidumping and countervailing duties owed to the U.S. government were uncollected as of mid-May 2015. CBP plans to conduct a comprehensive analysis that assesses both the likelihood and significance of risk factors related to AD/CVD collection to help identify entries that pose heightened risk and take action to mitigate such risk.

CBP Establishes New Procedures to Investigate AD/CVD Related Allegations

On August 22, 2016, CBP published an Interim Final Rule (IFR) in the Federal Register, providing guidance for filing allegations of evasion of AD/CVD orders under the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The IFR provides for a 60-day comment period to allow individuals to submit feedback, views or arguments on all aspects of the interim rule.

Title IV, Section 421 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, commonly referred to as EAPA (Enforce and Protect Act), establishes a formal process for CBP to investigate allegations of evasion of AD/CVD orders. Specifically, it provides for a transparent administrative proceeding where parties can both participate in and learn the outcome of the investigation. It also provides an option for both administrative and judicial appeals of the investigation.

Currently, any EAPA-related allegations as described in the IFR may be submitted to CBP via the following email address: epallegations@cbp.dhs.gov.

CBP is also developing a web-based portal through which individuals can submit EAPA-related allegations by the end of the calendar year, pending programming updates.

ACE AD/CVD Entries

As of July 23, 2016, trade parties are required to submit electronic entries and entry summaries for additional entry types to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Electronic entries and entry summaries associated with the following entry types are now mandated in ACE: 02, 07, 12, 21, 22, 31, 32, 34, and 38. As a result of these additional requirements, all AD/CVD entry types are now required to be filed in ACE. For more details see: CSMS #16-000623.