On September 9, 2015, staff from the AD/CVD Division joined with personnel from the Pharmaceutical and Chemicals CEE, Regulatory Audit, Laboratories & Scientific Services Directorate, and the National Commodity Specialist Division to visit Lonza, a domestic calcium hypochlorite producer located in Charleston, Tennessee, and petitioner in the AD/CVD order on this commodity.

The purpose of the trip was to increase CBP’s understanding of the product and the domestic industry, and to discuss any challenges facing domestic producers due to unfairly traded imports from China.

Significant Regulatory Audit Findings

CBP’s Regulatory Audit discovered a loss of revenue of $36 million during an audit of importers of tapered roller bearings from China. The company failed to declare and pay AD duties on imported taper roller bearings, resulting in $32.4 million in unpaid duties, along with finding significant classification errors resulting in an additional $3.6 million in penalties. CBP is seeking to collect the duties and penalty amount from the importer.

US Department of Justice Files Civil Suit Over Anti-Dumping Duties

DOJ filed an additional lawsuit with the CIT to recover millions of dollars in antidumping duties on imports of crawfish.

DOJ filed the complaint on July 31, 2015, contending, LBS Marketing Inc. and its principal, Leslie M. Toth, entered thirteen (13) shipments of crawfish tail meat, as “langostino” so as to evade a 223.01% antidumping duty rate. Between May 2004 and May 2005, the companies evaded an estimated $2.8 million in antidumping duties.

Justice is seeking the recovery of $3.3 million in civil penalties and $2.8 million in lost revenue.