



AKCA Commends Department of Commerce on Preliminary Antidumping Determination on Wooden Cabinets and Vanities from China

Decision Imposes New Duties on Billions of Dollars of Chinese Imports

WASHINGTON, DC – October 3, 2019 – Today, the American Kitchen Cabinet Alliance (AKCA) commended the preliminary antidumping determination issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce as an important continuation of the work to address unfairly traded Chinese imports of wooden cabinets and vanities. Preliminary duties range from 4.49% to 262.18%, with most Chinese producers facing antidumping duties of 39.25%.

“Today’s determination allows the American kitchen cabinet industry to keep fighting against the unfairness of China’s trade practices,” said **Mark Trexler, President and CEO at AKCA member Master WoodCraft**. “There are still more than 250,000 American jobs hanging in the balance. The Department of Commerce clearly understands the importance of this issue and the need to keep working to create an even playing field.”

“This is a strong next step in the process of leveling the playing field for American manufacturers, and we look forward to the final determinations,” said **Perry Miller, President of Kountry Wood Products**. “Today’s determination makes it possible to move forward and continue to fight for our workers and for American jobs. We are all grateful to the Department of Commerce for their continued work on this issue.”

The Commerce Department is expected to issue its final determination in this investigation in February 2020. As a result of this decision, additional cash deposits will be required on all wooden cabinets and vanities imported from China.

These antidumping duties are in addition to earlier countervailing duties averaging 16 percent, which have been in effect since August, and Section 301 duties of 25 percent. Evasion and circumvention of these duties is prohibited by law and can result in civil and criminal penalties.

On March 6, 2019, the AKCA initiated one of the largest trade cases ever filed against Chinese imports at the International Trade Commission and the Department of Commerce – a case which challenges China’s manipulation and unfair trade practices in the wooden cabinet and vanity production industry.

The AKCA is comprised of more than 50 member companies based across the United States. With today’s preliminary determination, the AKCA looks forward to next steps at the Commerce Department to continue its efforts to push back on unfairly traded Chinese imports and ensure a level playing field for American workers.

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About AKCA:

The American Kitchen Cabinet Alliance (AKCA) is a coalition of organizations that have joined forces to fight for American kitchen cabinet workers and our industry. Established in 2019, AKCA is standing up for American workers and supporting the actions of those who oppose China's cheating of America's kitchen cabinet industry. We are proud to support one of the largest trade cases in history filed against China at the International Trade Commission (ITC) and Department of Commerce.

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