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Dumping and Subsidizing

DETERMINATION

Preliminary Injury Inquiry
No. PI-2020-002

Decorative and Other Non-
structural Plywood

*Determination issued
Monday, August 10, 2020*

IN THE MATTER OF a preliminary injury inquiry, pursuant to subsection 34(2) of the *Special Import Measures Act*, respecting:

DECORATIVE AND OTHER NON-STRUCTURAL PLYWOOD

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF INJURY

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal, pursuant to the provisions of subsection 34(2) of the *Special Import Measures Act*, has conducted a preliminary injury inquiry into whether the evidence discloses a reasonable indication that the dumping and subsidizing of decorative and other non-structural plywood, whether or not surface coated or covered, and veneer core platforms for the production of decorative and other non-structural plywood, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, have caused injury or retardation or are threatening to cause injury, as these words are defined in the *Special Import Measures Act*. Decorative and other non-structural plywood is defined as a flat, multilayered plywood or other veneered panel, consisting of two or more layers or plies of wood veneers and a core, with the face and/or back veneer made of wood. The veneers, along with the core are glued or otherwise bonded together. Decorative and other non-structural plywood include products that meet the American National Standard for Hardwood and Decorative Plywood, ANSI/HPVA HP-1-2016 (including any revisions to that standard), but exclude:

- a) Structural plywood that is manufactured to meet U.S. Products Standard PS 109, PS 209, or PS 2-10 for Structural Plywood (including any revisions to that standard or any substantially equivalent international standard intended for structural plywood), and which has both a face and a back veneer of coniferous wood;
- b) Finished plywood products for use as flooring;
- c) Plywood which has a shape or design other than a flat panel;
- d) Phenolic Film Faced Plyform (PFF), also known as Phenolic Surface Film Plywood (PSF), defined as a panel with an "Exterior" or "Exposure 1" bond classification as is defined by The Engineered Wood Association, having an opaque phenolic film layer with a weight equal to or greater than 90g/m³ permanently bonded on both the face and back veneers and an opaque, moisture resistant coating applied to the edges; and
- e) Laminated veneer lumber door and window components with (1) a maximum width of 44 millimeters, a thickness from 30 millimeters to 72 millimeters, and a length of less than 2413 millimeters, (2) water boiling point exterior adhesive, (3) a modulus of elasticity of 1,500,000 pounds per square inch or higher, (4) finger-jointed or lap-jointed core veneer with all layers oriented so that the grain is running parallel or with no more than 3 dispersed layers of veneer oriented with the grain running perpendicular to the other layers, and (5) top layer machined with a curved edge and one or more profile channels throughout.

This preliminary injury inquiry follows the notification, on June 11, 2020, that the President of the Canada Border Services Agency had initiated an investigation into the alleged injurious dumping and subsidizing of decorative and other non-structural plywood from China.

Pursuant to subsection 37.1(1) of the *Special Import Measures Act*, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal hereby determines that there is evidence that discloses a reasonable indication that the dumping and subsidizing of the above-mentioned goods have caused or are threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry.

Serge Fréchette

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Presiding Member

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The statement of reasons will be issued at a later date.