



Association canadienne du contreplaqué et des placages de bois dur  
Canadian Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association

## **CHPVA is surprised and disappointed by the decision of the Canadian International Trade Tribunal concerning decorative plywood imports from China.**

On February 19, 2021 the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (“CITT”) issued a determination that decorative plywood imports from China have not injured and are not threatening to injure Canadian producers of the product.

The Canadian Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association (“CHPVA”) is surprised and disappointed by this decision.

In a parallel investigation the Canada Border Services Agency (“CBSA”) determined that large volumes of Chinese imports of decorative plywood were being dumped and subsidized at margins of up to 300 percent. The CITT was responsible for determining if the unfairly traded imports had caused injury to the Canadian industry or threatened to do so in the future.

In recent years, several Canadian companies producing decorative plywood have gone out of business in the face of competition from dumped and subsidized Chinese imports. The complaint was filed to address the impact that unfairly traded Chinese imports have had on the Canadian market.

The CHPVA find it difficult to understand how the Tribunal reached the conclusion it did in this case. The CITT will publish the reasons for the decision on March 5 and the association and its partners will study these reasons closely and consider their options.

The CHPVA is the national association representing the Canadian hardwood plywood and veneer industry in all technical, regulatory, quality assurance, and product acceptance.

Its members manufacture rotary, sliced, and jointed hardwood veneer, as well as decorative panels used in manufacturing furniture, panelling, cabinetry, doors, shelving, and other similar products.

Its associate members are businesses engaged in production, sales, and distribution of materials and machines for the industry, or that provide services such as brokerage, research, consultation, and transportation to the industry.

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