

Report No. 92

Amendment of the description of the antidumping duties on uncoated wood-free paper



The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report No. 92: AMENDMENT OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON UNCOATED WOOD-FREE PAPER

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AMENDMENT OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON UNCOATED WOOD-FREE PAPER

Background

On 13 February 1998, definitive anti-dumping duties were imposed on uncoated wood-free paper originating in or imported from Brazil, Indonesia, Poland and Sweden. In accordance with the provisions of the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement and the Commission's Anti-Dumping Regulations, a sunset review of the anti-dumping duties was initiated against imports of uncoated wood-free paper originating in or imported from Brazil and Poland, pursuant to Notice No. 442, which was published in Government Gazette No. 24380 on 10 February 2003.

On 03 December 2003, the Commission made its final determination on the sunset review investigation, recommending to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duties on uncoated wood-free paper be maintained. The reasons for the Commission's decision are contained in its Report No. 42.

The application

On 04 October 2004, the Commission received an application from Peters Paper requesting that the description of the anti-dumping duty be amended to the effect that an anti-dumping duty should not be levied on monoglazed poster paper and paperboard as the products are not manufactured in the SACU. Currently, only monoglazed poster paper and paperboard, in sheets of an A4 size and rolls of a mass of $40g/m^2$ or more but not exceeding $120g/m^2$ are excluded from paying the anti-dumping duty.

Comments by SACU industry

The request was forwarded to the SACU manufacturers of the subject product, Mondi Paper and Sappi Fine Paper (Pty) Ltd for their possible comments. However, the SACU manufacturers never commented on the application.

Comments by SARS

SARS supported the application that monoglazed poster paper or paperboard, unqualified, should be excluded from the payment of the anti-dumping duties.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commission, therefore, decided to recommend that the description of the existing anti-dumping duties on uncoated wood-free paper be amended to read as follows:

Tariff subheading	Description
4802.5	Uncoated paper and paperboard, white, not containing fibres obtained by mechanical process, of mass of 40g/m² or more but not more than 150gm², of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, and punch card stock and punch tape paper, in rolls (excluding paper of heading 48.01 or 48.03 and monoglazed poster paper or paperboard)
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