



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, Korea, and Spain

- On October 28, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of thermal paper from Germany, Japan, Korea, and Spain.

ALLEGED DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	DUMPING RATES
Germany	9.20 to 58.90 percent
Japan	129.86 to 140.25 percent
Korea	56.60 to 58.24 percent
Spain	32.68 to 41.45 percent

IMPORT STATISTICS:

Germany	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	58,099,791	65,652,978	58,964,023
Value (USD)	\$101,617,301	\$137,714,070	\$127,338,571
Japan	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	38,128,207	34,692,826	34,938,976
Value (USD)	\$25,309,819	\$40,673,625	\$31,665,830
Korea	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	45,855,301	56,752,180	63,771,933
Value (USD)	\$71,471,632	\$126,141,566	\$133,647,384
Spain	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	2,818,819	3,355,244	13,786,198
Value (USD)	\$12,898,564	\$15,218,240	\$29,252,188

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 4811.90.8030 and 4811.90.9030). The petitioners contend that imports of thermal paper from Spain are being classified under the wrong statistical subheading and use HTSUS 4811.90 to report imports of thermal paper from Spain; therefore, for purposes of reporting the above import statistics, the data for Spain reflect imports entered under HTSUS 4811.90.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	October 7, 2020
Commerce Initiation Date	October 27, 2020
ITC Preliminary Determinations*	November 23, 2020
Commerce Preliminary Determinations	March 16, 2021
Commerce Final Determinations	June 1, 2021
ITC Final Determinations**	July 14, 2021
Issuance of Orders***	July 21, 2021

NOTE: Commerce's preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

* If the ITC makes negative preliminary determinations of injury, the investigations are terminated.

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Other Case Information

The petitioners are Appvion Operations, Inc. (Appleton, WI) and Domtar Corporation (Fort Mill, SC).

For general information and next steps, please refer to a [list of initiation FAQs](#).

Additional case information including the scope of the investigations are on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). Once you [log in](#), please refer to case numbers:

- A-428-850 for Germany,
- A-588-880 for Japan,
- A-580-911 for Korea, and
- A-469-824 for Spain.

Commerce currently maintains 540 AD and countervailing duty (CVD) orders which provide relief to American companies and industries impacted by unfair trade.

Since the beginning of the Trump Administration, Commerce has initiated 297 new AD and CVD investigations – a 271 percent increase from the comparable period in the previous administration.