

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-570-890]****Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China**

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION****The Petition**

On October 31, 2003, the Department of Commerce ("Department") received a Petition on imports of wooden bedroom furniture from the People's Republic of China ("China") ("Petition") filed in proper form by the American Furniture Manufacturers Committee for Legal Trade ("Committee") and its individual members and the Cabinet Makers, Millmen, and Industrial Carpenters Local 721 (collectively, "the Petitioners") on behalf of the domestic industry and workers producing wooden bedroom furniture. On November 6, 2003 and November 10, 2003, the Department requested clarification of certain areas of the Petition and received responses to both requests on November 12, 2003. On November 12, 2003, Markor International Furniture (Tianjin) Manufacturing Co., ("Markor") and Lacquer Craft Manufacturing Company, Ltd., ("Lacquer") submitted comments regarding the industry support for the Petition. On November 13, 2003, the Department received comments from Furniture Brands International, Inc. ("FBI"). On November 20, 2003, the Petitioners amended the Petition to include an additional margin estimate for a product within the scope of the investigation. On November 24, 2003, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the twenty-day initiation determination deadline and requesting information from domestic producers of wooden bedroom furniture. See *Notice of Request for Information and Extension of Time: Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China* ("Extension

Notice") 68 FR 65875 (November 24, 2003). On November 24, 2003, the Department requested from the Petitioners that certain business proprietary information be made public. On November 28, 2003, the Department received the public version of the business proprietary information requested on November 24, 2003. On December 2, 2003, the Department received additional comments regarding industry support from Markor and Lacquer. Additionally, on December 2, 2003, the Department received comments from the Petitioners regarding opposition to the Petition. On December 3, 2003, the Department received rebuttal comments to Markor's and Lacquer's December 2, 2003 comments from the Petitioners. On December 3, 2003, the Department received comments from the Petitioners regarding the calculation of industry support. On December 4, 2003, the Petitioners amended the Petition adding four certified labor unions as Petitioners. Additionally, on December 4, 2003, FBI submitted comments regarding the calculation of industry support. On December 5, 2003, the Department received comments from Markor and Lacquer. On December 8, 2003, the Department received comments from FBI and Markor and Lacquer. On December 9, 2003 the Department received comments from the Petitioners. Additionally, on December 9, 2003, the Department received a request from the Petitioners that the Department reject numerous submissions submitted earlier in this proceeding in accordance with Section 732(b)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On December 9, 2003, the Department returned FBI's comments of December 8, 2003. See *Memorandum to the File from Lisa Shishido, Case Analyst, Regarding Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China*, dated December 9, 2003. We note that in FBI's November 13, 2003 comments and Markor and Lacquer's December 8, 2003 comments, both parties included comments on issues other than industry support, we did not reject those submission because they contained information regarding industry support. See *Memo to the File from Alex Villanueva, Senior Case Analyst, Regarding Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China: FBI's November 13, 2003 Comments and Markor and Lacquer's December 8, 2003 Comments*, dated December 9, 2003. However, we did not consider FBI's December 8, 2003 comments and Markor and Lacquer's December 8, 2003

comments that were not on industry support. See *Import Administration: Antidumping Duty Investigation Initiation Checklist of Wooden Bedroom Furniture from China* ("Initiation Checklist"), dated December 10, 2003 at Attachment III. December 10, 2003, FBI revised their comments from December 8, 2003.

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Ac, the Petitioners allege that imports of wooden bedroom furniture from China are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring and threaten to injury and industry in the United States.

Scope of Investigation

For purposes of this investigation, the product covered is wooden bedroom furniture (*i.e.*, subject merchandise). Wooden bedroom furniture is generally, but not exclusively, designed, manufactured, and offered for sale in coordinated groups, or bedrooms, in which all of the individual pieces are of approximately the same style and approximately the same material and/or finish. The subject merchandise are made substantially of wood products, including both solid wood and also engineered wood products made from wood particles, fibers, or other wooden materials such as plywood, oriented strand board, particle board, and fiberboard; with or without wood veneers, wood overlays, or laminates; with or without non-wood components or trim such as metal, marble, leather, glass, plastic, or other resins; and whether or not assembled, completed, or finished.

The subject merchandise includes (1) wooden beds such as loft beds, bunk beds, and other beds; (2) wooden headboards for beds (whether stand-alone or attached to side rails), wooden footboards for beds, wooden side rails for beds, and wooden canopies for beds; (3) night tables, night stands, dressers, commodes, bureaus, mule chests, gentlemen's chests, bachelor's chests, lingerie chests, wardrobes, vanities, chessers, chifforobes, and wardrobe-type cabinets; (4) dressers with framed glass mirrors that are attached to, incorporated in, sit on, or hang over the dresser; (5) chests-on-chests¹, highboys²,

¹ A chest-on-chest is typically a tall chest-of-drawers in two or more sections (or appearing to be in two or more sections), with one or two sections mounted (or appearing to be mounted) on a slightly larger chest; also known as a tallboy.

² A highboy is typically a tall chest of drawers usually composed of a base and a top section with drawers, and supported on four legs or a small chest (often 15 inches or more in height).