

American Paper Plate Coalition Petitions for Relief from Unfairly Traded Imports from China, Thailand, and Vietnam

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, January 26, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The American Paper Plate Coalition ("APPC"), representing the majority of American paper plate production, today petitioned the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") and the U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") to investigate unfairly priced and subsidized paper plate imports from China, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) petitions detail unfair trade practices to sell paper plates at less than fair value and allege dumping margins up to 279%, as well as numerous subsidies. The petitions detail the injury suffered by the U.S. industry and its workers, and request relief in the form of special duties on all associated imports to offset unfair pricing and unfair subsidies.

"Imports from these countries have used dumped prices and subsidies to continue to grow in the U.S. market at the expense of American producers and workers," said Bill Biggins, President and Co-owner of APPC member Aspen Products, Inc. "Over the past three years, unfairly priced and subsidized imports have harmed American producers and taken jobs away from hard-working Americans."

The cases filed today cover all types of plates produced from any type of paper, regardless of color, decoration, shape and size.

"American producers can compete with anyone in the world, as long as we're all playing by the same rules," said Robert Epstein, President and CEO of APPC member AJM Packaging Corporation. "Fortunately, our country's trade laws are set up to support fair trade. On behalf of our employees, customers, and colleagues, we look forward to seeing those laws enforced and those who violate our laws held accountable."

The next steps in these investigations will be the initiation of Commerce antidumping and countervailing duty investigations by February 14, 2024, and a preliminary ITC determination by March 11, 2024.

About the American Paper Plate Coalition

The American Paper Plate Coalition, representing the leading U.S. producers of paper plates, is comprised of AJM Packaging Corporation of Bloomfield Hills, MI; Aspen Products, Inc. of Kansas City, MO; Dart Container Corporation of Mason, MI; Hoffmaster Group, Inc. of Oshkosh, WI; Huhtamaki, Inc., of De Soto, KS; and Unique Industries, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA.

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