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HARDWOOD PLYWOOD**

PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Ask Commerce to Find Circumvention of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders by China

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Washington, DC—Today, four U.S. producers of hardwood plywood – Columbia Forest Products, Commonwealth Plywood Inc., States Industries, Inc., and Timber Products Company, who are members of the Coalition for Fair Trade of Hardwood Plywood – filed a petition with the Department of Commerce, asking the agency to find that hardwood plywood products with face and back veneers made of softwood species suitable for decorative uses are circumventing the recently issued antidumping and countervailing duty orders on hardwood plywood products from China.

The orders on hardwood plywood products from China were issued on January 4, 2018 following affirmative findings of dumping and subsidization by the Department of Commerce and a unanimous finding by the U.S. International Trade Commission that the domestic industry is materially injured by unfairly traded Chinese imports. The final antidumping margin is 183.36 percent for all Chinese companies and the final countervailing subsidy rates range from 22.98 to 194.90 percent.

“Before the orders were issued, Chinese producers began to preemptively circumvent the anticipated orders by taking merchandise fully covered by the scope and making minor alterations in an attempt to remove products from the coverage of the scope to avoid duties. Such blatant attempts to evade the orders are depriving the domestic industry of the full extent of the trade relief it deserves,” said **Tim Brightbill of Wiley Rein**. “We ask the Department of Commerce to quickly initiate an inquiry and put an end to these attempts to continue to push unfairly traded hardwood plywood products into the U.S. market by circumventing the trade orders.”

The underlying antidumping and countervailing duty cases were filed on behalf of the Coalition for Fair Trade of Hardwood Plywood, a group of U.S. producers and manufacturers, that are committed to safeguarding the U.S. hardwood plywood industry and its thousands of workers. The law firm of Wiley Rein LLP represents the Coalition.

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