

# China Alert

US-CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BUSINESS NEWS SUMMARY

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## NEWS

US-China Chamber of Commerce has received an invitation to participate in a Special Event hosted by President and Mrs. Bush at the White House for the Arrival Ceremony honoring His Excellency Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China on Tuesday, December 9th. The Ceremony begins at 9:50 a.m. and lasts 30 minutes. Please be aware that this is a standing only event. Participants must have a ticket to enter the South Lawn to join the Ceremony. Cameras are welcome. USCCC has been allocated 50 tickets, and please contact our office immediately.

## RECENT AND UPCOMING U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS HEARINGS

### A. Hand Trucks from China (Investigation No. 731-TA-1059, Preliminary)

On December 4, 2003, the ITC will hold a conference in the preliminary phase of this antidumping investigation. On November 13, 2003, the ITC received a petition filed by a U.S. manufacturer of hand trucks, Gleason Industrial Products, Inc., alleging that three Chinese manufacturers were dumping these products on the U.S. market thereby causing material injury to the U.S. industry manufacturing similar products. In addition to the Chinese manufacturers, respondents named in the petition include major importers and retailers of the hand trucks, including: Home Depot, Sears, Lowe's, W.W. Grainger, Wal-mart, and the Stanley Works.

### B. Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from China (Investigation No. 731-TA-1021, Final)

On November 21, 2003, the ITC determined unanimously that imports of malleable iron pipe fittings from China threatens a U.S. industry. The Commerce Department previously made an affirmative critical circumstances determination with regard to these imports. Because the ITC made an affirmative finding of threat of material injury, a determination with respect to whether critical circumstances exist is not necessary. As a result of the ITC's affirmative determination, the U.S. Department of Commerce will direct the U.S. Customs Service to impose antidumping duties on imports of malleable iron pipe fittings from China.

### C. Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China (Investigation No. TA-421-4)

On December 4, 2003, the ITC will hold a meeting and vote in this investigation. If the ITC makes an affirmative market disruption determination, it will vote on remedy recommendations by December 15, 2003. The ITC will forward its findings and recommendations, if any, to the President by December 24, 2003. If the ITC's determination is affirmative, the President will make the final decision concerning whether to provide relief to the industry and the type and duration of any such relief. The products subject to this investigation are cast pipe or tube fittings of ductile iron (containing 2.5 percent carbon and over 0.02 percent magnesium or magnesium and cerium, by weight) with mechanical, push-on (rubber compression) or flanged joints attached. Ductile iron waterworks fittings are used to join pipes, valves, and hydrants in straight lines or to change, divert, divide, or direct the flow of water or sewage in municipal utility and industrial piping

systems. Included within this definition are fittings of all nominal diameters and of both full-bodied and compact designs.

D. Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from China and India (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-437 and 731-TA-1060 and 1061, Preliminary)

On December 12, 2003, the ITC will hold a conference in the preliminary phase of this countervailing duty and antidumping investigation. The ITC received a petition filed on November 21, 2003, on behalf of Nation Ford Chemical Co. The merchandise covered by these investigations is Carbazole Violet Pigment 23, identified as Color Index No. 51319 and Chemical Abstract No. 6358-30-1, with the chemical name of diindolo [3,2-b:3',2'-m] triphenodioxazine,8,18-dichloro-5,15-diethyl-5,15-dihydro-, and molecular formula of C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The subject merchandise includes the crude pigment in any form (e.g., dry powder, paste, wet cake) and finished pigment in the form of presscake and dry color. Pigment dispersions in any form (e.g., pigments dispersed in oleoresins, flammable solvents, water) are not included in these investigations. The conference will be open to the media and public; a witness list is expected by December 11, 2003.

For more information, please visit the U.S. International Trade Commission's website:  
<http://www.usitc.gov/>

#### **UPCOMING TRADE FAIRS/EXHIBITIONS (JANUARY 2004) IN CHINA**

- 6-9 January: Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair, Hong Kong, <http://www.tdctrade.com>
- 6-9 January: Hong Kong International Stationery Fair, Hong Kong, <http://www.tdctrade.com>
- 9-11 January: China Interactive Entertainment Expo – CiEX 2004, Shanghai, <http://www.ciexpo.com>
- 13-16 January: World Boutique, Hong Kong, <http://www.tdctrade.com>
- 13-16 January: Hong Kong Fashion Week for Fall/Winter, Hong Kong <http://www.tdctrade.com>

\* The USCCC offers comprehensive arrangement services to assist those who wish to attend any of these trade fairs/exhibitions. From time to time, USCCC will organize Trade Delegation to visit potential business partners and factories in conjunction to attending the trade shows. For further information, please feel free to contact us by email at [info@usccc.org](mailto:info@usccc.org) or by telephone on (312) 368-9911.

#### **NEWS**

- The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) voted November 17, 2003, to invoke safeguard relief on three textile products imported from China (knit fabric, dressing gowns and robes, and bras) following petitions filed by the U.S. textile industry. The committee is chaired by the Department of Commerce and includes the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the Departments of State, Treasury, and Labor. Safeguards are temporary and selective measures such as increased tariffs, tariff quotas, or quantitative restrictions explicitly designed to slow imports in order to enable a particular domestic industry to adjust to heightened competition from foreign suppliers. The petitions were filed by the U.S. textile industry under a special provision of China's WTO accession agreement that allows the U.S. (and other WTO members) to impose temporary quotas on textile imports from China in the event those imports are found to cause "market disruption." The U.S. must now pursue a negotiated resolution of the matter with the Chinese government.

- Motorola Inc. last month killed the launch of a camera phone model for the Chinese market. It said the V295 phone was not needed and demand would be met in China by two other camera models it already offers, the A760 and E365.
- President Bush will welcome Premier Wen Jiabao of China to the White House for an Official Visit on December 9, 2003. The President looks forward to holding discussions with the Premier on the full range of issues on the U.S.-China agenda and to continue building a candid, constructive, and cooperative bilateral relationship.

## **NEW REGULATIONS**

- December 11, 2003, is the liberalization date for five types of value-added telecommunications services without geographical limitation in China under its WTO commitments: internet data center services; store and forwarding services; call center services; ISP services; and ICP services.

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