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U.S. EXPORTERS HURT BY FOREIGN TRADE CASES

This month, the United States submitted a paper to the World Trade Organization taking a hard line against making any changes to the antidumping and subsidies agreements. The paper does not embrace an important and necessary objective: ensuring that trade remedy laws around the world -- including those of the U.S. -- are fair to all parties affected. This position does not promote U.S. interests.

A Cato Institute study issued last year hits the nail squarely on the head: a proliferation of foreign trade remedy investigations is having an adverse effect on U.S. exports.¹ Opposition of U.S. policy makers to any substantive discussion of trade remedy laws in international negotiations -- in deference to the U.S. industries who make wide use of U.S. trade remedy laws -- ignores the disruption to U.S. interests inflicted by the growing use of these laws by foreign producers and governments.

U.S. products are increasingly the targets of a proliferation of foreign antidumping, countervailing duty and safeguard investigations. A wide variety of U.S. manufacturers find themselves having to defend against these investigations (see table). They span important sectors of the U.S. economy, from agriculture to chemicals to consumer goods.

CITAC agrees with Cato that "[i]t is time for U.S. policymakers to widen their view of antidumping's effects to include the victims [U.S. importers, consumers and exporters] as well as the beneficiaries of the U.S. law [U.S. petitioners] and to recognize the significant and growing dangers posed by foreign laws.... They should see that international negotiations to address the antidumping problem are emphatically in the U.S. national interest."

¹ Brink Lindsey and Dan Ikenson, "Coming Home to Roost: Proliferating Antidumping Laws and the Growing Threat to U.S. Exports," Cato Institute Trade Policy Analysis Paper No. 14, July 30, 2001.

Major U.S. Exports Hit by Foreign Trade Remedy Actions

<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>
Agricultural Products		Chemical and Plastic Products	
Apples	Canada, Mexico	Acrylonitrile	Taiwan
Bovine meat	Mexico	Aluminum chloride	Argentina
Cattle	Mexico	Amino acids	Argentina
Chicken with meat portions	South Africa	Ammonium sulfate	Mexico
Fresh tomatoes	Canada	Anhydrous aluminum chloride	Brazil
High fructose corn syrup	Mexico	Aniline	India
Long grain milled rice	Mexico	Aspartame	EU
Potatoes	Canada	Atrophine	Israel
Powdered milk	Chile	Bacteriological culture media	Canada
Refined sugar	Canada	Caustic soda	India, Mexico
Swine for slaughter	Mexico	Diammonium phosphate	Mexico
Wheat	Mexico	Ethyl acetate	Colombia
Yellow onions	Canada	Ethylene glycol	Mexico
Steel and Other Metal Products		Hydrogen peroxide	Mexico
Cold rolled steel sheet	Canada, Mexico	Insulin	Brazil
Commercial steel tubes	Mexico	Isopropyl alcohol	India
Chromed steel sheet	Argentina, Colombia	Lysine	China, South Africa
Coated flat metal/galvanized	Mexico	Methylene chloride	China
Corrugated rods	Mexico	Monosodium glutamate	EU
Hot rolled sheet and strip	Mexico	Phosphorus	India
Plate	Mexico	Plastic shrinkable bags	Canada
Roller bearings	South Africa	Plastic syringes	Mexico
Stainless steel products	India	Polycarbonate resins	Brazil
Steel storage buildings	Canada	Polystyrene	Mexico, Venezuela
Textile Products		Polyvinyl chlorides	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Israel, Mexico, Turkey, Venezuela
Blue and indigo denim	Israel	Sodium hydroxide	South Africa
Carpet crippler	Australia	Styrene rubber	Brazil, India, Mexico
Cotton, not carded or combed	Brazil	Vitamins	India
E-glass fiber yarn/fiberglass	Korea	Paper Products	
Filament yarn	EU	Art paper	China
Machine tufted carpeting	Canada	Bingo paper	Canada
Polyester fibers	Uruguay	Bond paper	Mexico
Carpet backing	Australia	Newsprint	China, India, Indone- sia
Other Products		Paper, white A-4	Australia
Baby food products	Canada	Self-copy paper	Venezuela
Batteries, lithium	Korea	Other Products, continued	
Cables for telephones	Argentina	Respirators, filters & components	Chile
Dynamic random access memory	Taiwan	Soda ash	Brazil, EU
Fabric and plastic first aid strips	Australia	Unwrought magnesium	Brazil
Film	Mexico	Urea	Mexico
Gasoline additives	Mexico	Vinyl floor covering in rolls	Mexico
Gypsum board	Israel	X-ray contrast media	Canada
Insulation board	Canada		
Medium density fiber board	Israel, Korea		
Microdisks, 3.5"	EU		
Motor saw chains	Brazil		
Oil and gas well casings	Canada		
Optic fiber cables	Argentina		

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.