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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE &
CUSTOMS UPDATE****Trade Proceeding Against Multilayered Hardwood Flooring from China
Seeks to Substantially Increase Import Duties****OVERVIEW**

On October 21, a coalition of U.S. producers of multilayered hardwood flooring asked the U.S. government to impose duties exceeding 100 percent on allegedly subsidized and dumped imports from China. According to the petition of the Coalition for American Hardwood Parity (CAHP),¹ Chinese manufacturers of multilayered—also known as three-layer or engineered—wood flooring have seized over one-third of the U.S. market through unfairly low prices and an array of Chinese government subsidies, including manipulation of currency exchange rates.

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) will be sending questionnaires to all interested parties. Also, the ITC will be holding a hearing within a month. U.S. manufacturers that are not represented by the CAHP, U.S. importers of this product from China and companies currently unrepresented in this matter may wish to participate in the proceeding to protect their interests.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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¹ The CAHP members include Anderson Hardwood Floors, LLC; Award Hardwood Floors; Baker’s Creek Wood Floors, Inc.; From the Forest; Howell Hardwood Flooring; Mannington Mills, Inc.; Nydree Flooring; and Shaw Industries Group, Inc.