

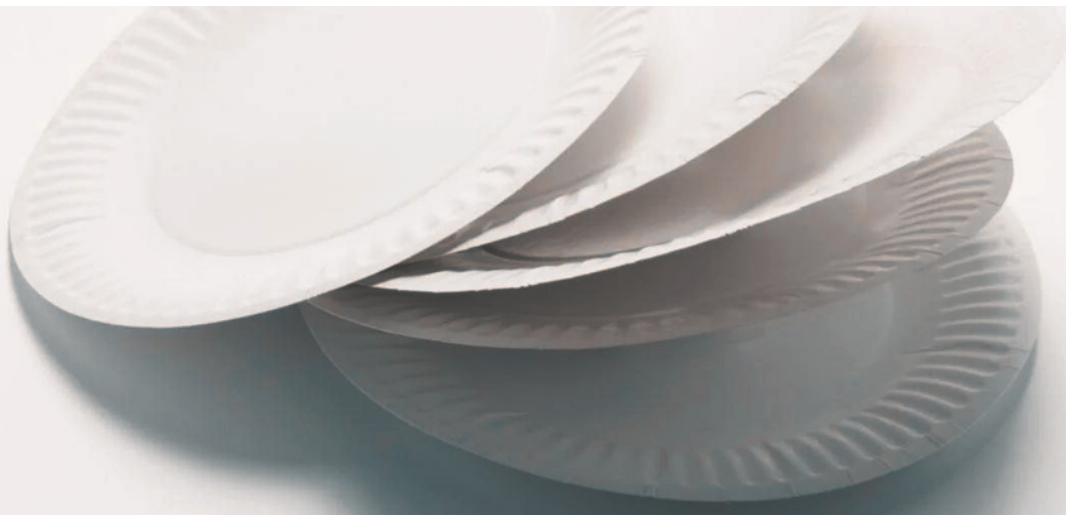


UPDATE

Feb 19, 2024

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Countervailing duty & Less-
Than-Fair-Value investigation
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The U.S Department of Commerce initiated a Countervailing duty investigation on Paper plates from Viet Nam

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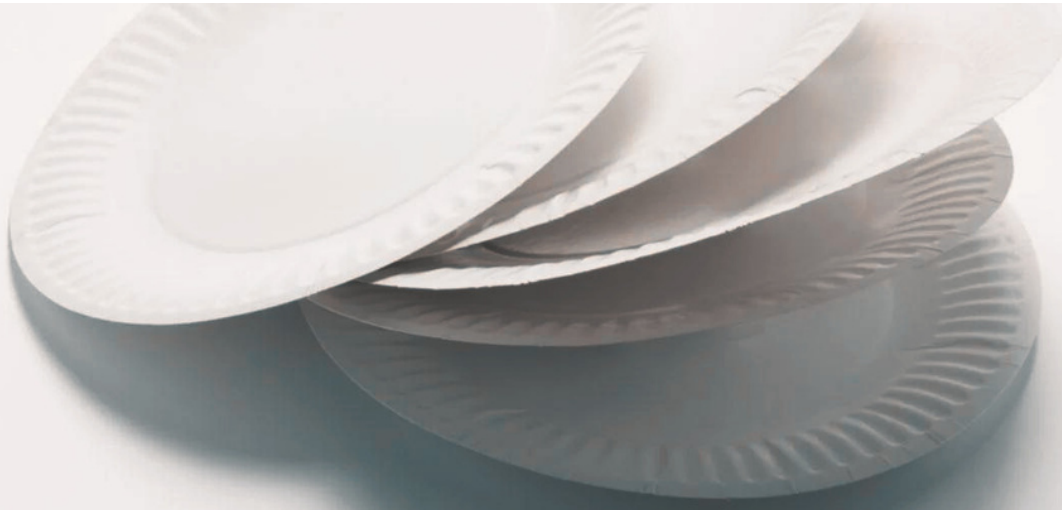
I. Period of investigation: from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

II. Scope of the investigation:

- Certain paper plates cut from rolls, sheets or other pieces of paper and/or paper board; having a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches; regardless of color, surface finish, printed images/text/colors on surfaces, coloring method, type of input paper, caliper or basis weight of paper, shape or size; and that may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating. The paper plates subject to the investigation remain covered by the scope of the investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. The paper plates subject to the investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates.
- The above-mentioned paper plates are currently classified under HTSUS subheadings: 4823.69.0040, 4823.61.0040, 9505.90.4000, 9505.90.6000.

III. Excluded from the investigation scope:

- Paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp, which are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.70.0020.
- Articles covered but having the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.
- Paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

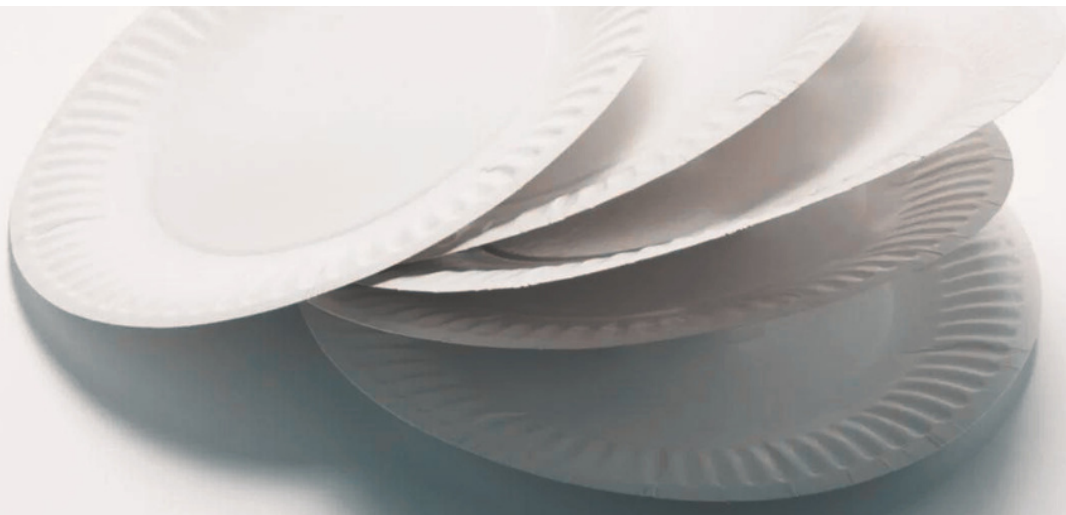


IV. Alleged programs: 22 programs, including:

- **Income Tax Programs:** 5 programs
- **Import Duty Exemptions:** 5 programs
- **Lending Programs and Guarantees:** 5 programs
- **Land Programs:** 4 programs
- **Provision of Utilities for Less Than Adequate Remuneration in Industrial and Export Processing Zones:** 1 program
- **Grant Programs:** 2 programs

V. Some deadlines to be noted:

- **Deadline for comments on the Scope of the investigation:** by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on March 5, 2024. Deadline for rebuttal comments thereon: by 5:00 p.m. ET on March 15, 2024.
- **Deadline for Q&V questionnaire response:** no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on February 28, 2024.
- **Scheduled time for respondent selection:** within 20 days of publication of the initiation notice.
- **Scheduled time for Preliminary determination:** no later than 65 days after the date of the initiation (estimated: April 20, 2024).



The U.S Department of Commerce initiated a Less-Than-Fair-Value investigation on Paper plates from Viet Nam

On February 15, 2024, DOC issued a notice of initiating a Less-Than-Fair-Value investigation (A-552-839) on certain paper plates from Vietnam at the request of the American Paper Plate Coalition.

I. Period of investigation: from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

II. Scope of the investigation:

- Certain paper plates cut from rolls, sheets or other pieces of paper and/or paper board; having a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches; regardless of color, surface finish, printed images/text/colors on surfaces, coloring method, type of input paper, caliper or basis weight of paper, shape or size; and that may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating. The paper plates subject to the investigation remain covered by the scope of the investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. The paper plates subject to the investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates.
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IV. Alleged companies:

- Changya New Material Technology
- Cogi Co., Ltd.
- G&B (Vietnam) Co., Ltd.
- Go-Pak Paper Products Vietnam Co.
- Innovative Sonic Vietnam International Limited
- Ningbo Changya Plastic Vietnam Company
- SCG Packaging (SCGP)
- Xie Li Viet Nam International Company Limited
- Zhong Xin Ya Tai Viet Nam Co. Ltd.

V. Estimated dumping margin of Vietnam: 153.09% - 165.27%

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- **Deadline for comments on Product characteristics:** by 5:00 p.m. ET on March 5, 2024. Deadline for rebuttal comments thereon: by 5:00 p.m. ET on March 15, 2024
- **Deadline for Q&V questionnaire response:** no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on February 28, 2024.
- **Scheduled time for Preliminary determination:** no later than 140 days after the date of the initiation (estimated: July 1, 2024).
- **Deadline for comments on surrogate country selection:** within 30 days before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination (estimated: June 1 to July 1, 2024). Indonesia is expected to be chosen as the surrogate country for Vietnam.
- **Deadline for separate rate application:** 30 days after publication of the initiation notice.
- **Deadline for Particular market situation allegation:** no later than 20 days after submission of a respondent's initial section D questionnaire response.