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AAHP Disappointed Government Pursuing Third Investigation of Imported Chinese Hardwood Plywood

Despite Back to Back Losses, Legal Harassment Campaign Against Imports Continue, Putting Thousands of U.S. Manufacturing Jobs at Risk

Washington – The American Alliance for Hardwood Plywood (AAHP) expressed disappointment in today's ruling by the International Trade Commission (ITC) that it will proceed with an investigation into alleged "dumping" practices of Chinese hardwood plywood to gain an unfair competitive advantage. The ITC and Department of Commerce rejected a similar petition in 2012 and a federal court also rejected the dubious allegations initiated by the Coalition for Fair Trade of Hardwood Plywood (CFTHP). AAHP Chairman Greg Simon issued the following statement:

"We are disappointed that this investigation will proceed, but remain very confident that the facts continue to be on our side. This is now the third time that the federal government will conduct a thorough review and we believe they will reach the same finding as before--imported hardwood plywood products from China are traded fairly at competitive prices and have a rightful place in the global consumer market. This continued legal harassment by CFTHP against imports is putting thousands of U.S. jobs at risk during a time when manufacturing is in desperate need of revival. Our alliance of small medium and large American importers, distributors, retailers of hardwood plywood and domestic kitchen cabinet manufacturers remains united in opposition to these bogus charges and look forward to presenting our side to the ITC and Department of Commerce in the coming months."

The American Alliance for Hardwood Plywood is an organization of American importers, distributors and manufacturers of hardwood plywood, along with other U.S. companies that depend on the availability of global resources.

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