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Customs finds numerous cases of ADD evasion (From our friends at Grunfeld Desiderio)

Importers of products that are subject to antidumping duties (ADD), but who do not pay ADD because their goods are purchased from vendors in countries not covered by a dumping order, can expect increased country of origin investigations from Customs. For example, steel hangers from China are subject to ADD, but not from Vietnam. Unscrupulous vendors are buying the hangers in China, bringing them to Vietnam, and then selling them as products of Vietnam. This is illegal, and even if the importer has taken reasonable care to ascertain country of origin, the merchandise will AT LEAST be confiscated. The importer bears responsibility for requiring vendors to provide manufacturing data, certificates of origin, and other documentation that would demonstrate “reasonable care” to avoid fines and penalties. For more on reasonable care, please visit our website at

http://www.lhcb.com/index_files/Page614.htm

then click on Fundamentals of Importing, and go to page 2

Sporadic Greek port strikes

The ports at Piraeus and Thessaloniki experienced sporadic strikes and labor slow downs last month. They are expected to continue for at least several more months as the government struggles with cutbacks. If you use these ports, expect some delays.

Please contact us with any questions.

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