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Trade Commission (Chairman: Lee, Young Lan) decided to start investigating dumping imports of ceramic tiles made in China and the damages caused to the domestic industry at the 222nd conference held on June 22, 2005.

※ Ceramic tiles covered in the investigation are square tiles varying in size from 70 mm to 1300 mm manufactured from nonmetallic minerals such as clay, porcelain clay and feldspar through forming and plasticity process and are used for exterior/interior material and floor material for buildings.

Four domestic ceramic tile manufacturers including Daedong Industrial Co.,Ltd, DaeBo Ceramics Co.,Ltd, Hanbo Ceramics Co.,Ltd, and Sungil Ceramics Co.,Ltd applied on April 29, 2005 to the Trade Commission for investigation on dumping imports of ceramic tiles made in China with a view to applying anti-dumping duties to such imports. It was alleged that dumping imports of ceramic tiles made in China (dumping rate reported by applicants: 37.4%) threaten domestic manufacturers whose

market shares and trading profits have been much reduced.

Trade Commission selected the following 9 companies that have the largest domestic sales as investigating targets among 500 Chinese companies exported ceramic tiles to Korea.

- 4 manufacturers : "Shunde Shuntao Commerce Co.,Ltd¹⁾", "Sanghai Asa Ceramic Co.,Ltd²⁾", "Guangdong New Shong Yuan ceramics Co., Ltd³⁾", "King Better Ceramics Co.,Ltd⁴⁾",
- 5 exporters: Foshan Xinzhogwei Economic and Trade Co., Ltd.
Dalian Zheng Ren Trading Co., Ltd.
New Zhong Yuan Ceramics Import and Export Co., Ltd
Guandong Nanhai Light Industrial Products Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.
China National Medical Equipment & Supplies Imp & Exp Corp⁵⁾
- o Trade Commission announced that companies which have not been selected as investigating targets can cooperate with the investigation voluntarily and they may be additionally selected as investigating targets.

Trade Commission will organize an investigation group and carry out preliminary investigation for exporters in China, importers, customers and domestic manufacturers over the next 3 months and then decide whether provisional anti-dumping duties will be applied.

- * For reference, domestic market size of ceramic tiles is about 338.2 billion won per year based on 2004 statistics, shared by domestic products (57.7%) and imported products (42.3%). Products made in China accounted for 56.5% of imported products.

- Attachment 1. Related materials on initiation of investigation on dumping imports of ceramic tiles made in China
2. Anti-dumping investigation workflow

< Attachment 1 >

Related materials on initiation of investigation of dumping imports of ceramic tiles made in China

1. Applicants : Four manufacturers including Daedong Industrial Co.,Ltd, DaeBo Ceramics Co.,Ltd, Hanbo Ceramics Co.,Ltd, Sungil Ceramics Co.,Ltd
 - Application date : April 29, 2005
2. Manufacturers and exporters to be investigated
 - China : 9 companies including Shunde Shuntao Commerce Co.,Ltd, Sanghai Asa Ceramic Co.,Ltd, Guangdong New Shong Yuan Ceramics Co., Ltd, King Better Ceramics Co.,Ltd, Foshan Xinzhogwei Economic and Trade Co., Ltd., Dalian Zheng Ren Trading Co., Ltd., New Zhong Yuan Ceramics Import and Export Co., Ltd, Guandong Nanhai Light Industrial Products Imp & Exp Co., Ltd., China National Medical Equipment & Supplies Imp & Exp Corp.
3. Customers : many companies such as Daewoo Constuction Co., Ltd., Mani Construction Materials Co., Ltd.
4. Target products : Ceramic Tiles
 - Definition : square tiles varying in size from 70 mm to 1300 mm manufactured from nonmetallic minerals such as clay, porcelain clay and feldspar through forming and plasticity process.
 - Use : used for exterior/interior material and floor material for buildings.

< Supply and demand status (based on 2004) >

(unit : ton, million won)

category	Demand		total	Supply	
	domestic	exported		manufactured	imported
volume	1,054,916	1,444	1,056,360	573,170	483,190
Amount	338,220	709	338,929	196,008	142,921

< Attachment 2 > Anti-dumping investigation workflow

