

U.S. Department of Commerce Announces Significant Increased Preliminary Antidumping Duties on Lined Paper Products from India

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Washington, DC – The Association of American School Paper Suppliers (AASPS) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Commerce has calculated duties of 18.35% – 215.93% in the preliminary results of its ongoing 2019-2020 review of the antidumping order on Indian lined paper products. Rates will go into effect once final results are issued early next year.

These rates are an across-the-board increase for the six Indian companies – Navneet Education Ltd., Lodha Offset Limited, Pioneer Stationery Pvt. Ltd., SGM Paper Products, Magic International Pvt. Ltd., and Marisa International – that are subject to the review. These six companies are currently subject to 0% – 1.34% antidumping duty rates, along with 8.76% – 9.42% countervailing duty rates. If these preliminary rates are finalized, the six producers will be subject to combined antidumping/countervailing duty rates of 27.11% – 225.35%.

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Since the orders on lined paper products from India were imposed in 2006, the AASPS has successfully defended them in its fight to level the playing field against unfairly priced and subsidized Indian imports.

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These latest preliminary results in the ongoing review evidence the extent to which the Indian industry continues to engage in unfair pricing practices in the United States. The AASPS will work to defend these preliminary results in the final phase of the review.

The review's final results are expected in January 2022, and will set the duty deposit rate for imports on a going-forward basis, as well as the final duty assessment rates for Indian lined paper products imported between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020.