



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 18, 2015

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns related to the respondent selection process in the Department of Commerce's ongoing countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of supercalendered paper from Canada. I understand the importance of this proceeding to your State and the domestic paper industry, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I understand your concerns regarding the Department's decision to individually examine only a limited number of Canadian supercalendered paper companies in this investigation. As you know, the statute authorizes the Department to limit the number of respondents that it examines in a proceeding when it is not practicable to examine all producers or exporters (e.g., due to resource considerations). In this case, the Department determined that it was not practicable to review all producers or exporters. As a result, the Department consulted the best information on the record (e.g., import data obtained from U.S. Customs and Border Protection) to determine which companies to select for examination. On this basis, and as described in the relevant memorandum to the record on respondent selection, the Department selected the two largest exporters of supercalendered paper from Canada.

Please be assured that the Department will conduct these proceedings in an open and transparent manner, in full compliance with U.S. law, regulations and obligations, and that we will carefully consider all record information and comments when making our determinations.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me or Margaret Cummisky, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Pritzker", is written over a horizontal line.

Penny Pritzker