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EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE BEADS

DECEMBER 1980 TO NOVEMBER 1981

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- REFERENCES:
- (1) Customs Tariff: Items 93902-41 &
93902-47
 - (2) Canadian International Trade
Classification (Cat. #65-502E,
Statistics Canada)
 - (3) Imports by Commodities
(Cat. #65-007, Statistics Canada)
Commodity Code 423-37

SECTION I

SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

This report is based on a detailed examination of documents covering imports of expandable polystyrene beads during the twelve month period December 1980 to November 1981. This product is included in Statistics Canada Import Commodity Code 423-37 "Polystyrene resins, not elsewhere specified".

SECTION II

CANADIAN PRODUCTION

According to industry sources, expandable polystyrene beads are manufactured in Canada; however, Statistics Canada does not provide separate data on production or shipments by Canadian manufacturers. The data is confidential because there are less than the minimum number of Canadian manufacturers.

SECTION III

ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS

Imports of expandable polystyrene beads during the period December 1980 to November 1981 amounted to 13,458,430 pounds valued at \$10,457,604. All imports included in this analysis are apparently, in Statistics Canada terminology "arms-length transactions", i.e. shipments between non-affiliated firms.

Full details of the analysis are provided in the following table.

IMPORTS OF EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE BEADS

DECEMBER 1980 TO NOVEMBER 1981

<u>Apparent End Use</u>	Quantity (lb.)	Value (\$)	<u>REGION OF ENTRY</u>		<u>Import Market Concentration Market Shares</u>	
			<u>Ontario</u> (% of Value)	<u>Other than Ontario</u> (% of Value)	<u>Top 3 Importers</u> (% of Value)	<u>Top 5 Importers</u> (% of Value)
Drinking Cup: December 1980	884,800	631,784				
January 1981	803,000	578,758				
February 1981	843,000	614,181				
March 1981	1,255,000	915,654				
April 1981	964,000	737,618				
May 1981	926,600	749,497				
June 1981	1,018,000	832,995				
July 1981	761,000	622,330				
August 1981	723,000	600,166				
September 1981	1,207,000	992,084				
October 1981	1,057,000	863,993				
November 1981	<u>1,190,000</u>	<u>970,136</u>				
TOTAL - Drinking Cup	11,632,400	9,109,196	90	10	89	96
Insulation (All Months)	560,280	384,133			100	-
Packaging (All Months)	400,000	306,739	67*	33*	100	-
Other(1) (All Months)	<u>865,750</u>	<u>657,536</u>			87	98
GRAND TOTAL	13,458,430	10,457,604	87	13		

NOTES: (1) Includes building materials, floatation billets, footwear and others, not further identified.

* Aggregated, in order to preserve confidentiality.

Dollar values shown are based on selling price F.O.B. plant, in Canadian dollars.

SECTION IV

FOREIGN EXPORTERS TO CANADA

Exporters to Canada of products shown in Section III are listed below in descending order of value by country. The exporters listed accounted for 99 per cent of the total value of imports during the period analyzed.

<u>UNITED STATES</u>		Value (\$,000)
Arco/Polymers Inc.	Monaca, PA	9,697
Texstyrene Plastics Inc.	Ft. Worth, TX	534
Dow Chemical Co.	Midland, MI	136
Fiberchem Inc.	Seattle, WA	38

SECTION V

IMPORTS OF POLYSTYRENE RESINS - 1979

BY 7-DIGIT CODE AND TARIFF ITEM 93902-45

(IMPORT COMMODITY CODE 423-37)

1979	Code 423-37(25) Polystyrene Resin, Expandable		Code 423-37(27) Polystyrene Moulding Composition		Code 427-37(35) Polystyrene Resin Compounds		Code 423-37(90) Polystyrene Resin N.E.S		Total Code 423-37		Amounts Imported With Tariff Item 93902-45(1) Applied	
	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (000lb.)	Value (\$,000)
January	1,408	705	305	145	33	78	3,362	1,240	5,108	2,168	1,135	559
February	1,129	575	529	220	4	3	2,404	805	4,066	1,603	632	342
March	1,885	990	1,147	358	590	210	2,451	885	6,073	2,443	1,208	643
April	1,326	719	588	204	80	38	1,450	622	3,444	1,583	1,321	728
May	954	532	689	253	145	595	1,301	632	3,089	2,012	589	327
June	1,072	638	54	24	48	137	1,519	719	2,693	1,517	967	565
July	817	495	382	169	104	74	1,312	653	2,614	1,391	727	438
August	868	537	166	93	5	4	820	422	1,859	1,056	853	533
September	754	416	556	287	21	12	2,125	1,054	3,457	1,768	593	366
October	1,283	756	636	208	62	55	3,232	1,541	5,213	2,561	1,142	697
November	1,120	644	703	324	42	42	3,587	1,738	5,453	2,748	914	567
December	1,062	653	711	307	51	27	717	378	2,541	1,365	906	566
TOTAL	13,679	7,659	6,466	2,591	1,185	1,276	24,279	10,689	45,609*	22,216*	10,987	6,331

NOTES: (1)Tariff Item - 93902-45 - Expandable polystyrene moulding compositions, cup grade beads for use in the manufacture of single service drinking cups. (This Tariff Item terminated in November 1980).

* Adjusted figures.
Figures may not add due to rounding.

SECTION VI

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN TARIFFS

CANADA

During the period analyzed, expandable polystyrene beads were dutiable under the following most commonly applied tariffs items.

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>British Preferential Tariff</u>	<u>Most Favoured Nation Tariff</u>	<u>General Tariff</u>	<u>General Preferential Tariff</u>	<u>U.K. & Ireland</u>
	93902 - Polymerisation and copolymerisation products (for example, polyethylene, polytetrahaloethylenes, polyisobutylene, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloroacetate and other polyvinyl derivatives, polyacrylic and polymethacrylic derivatives, coumarone-indene resins):					
93902-41	Moulding compositions, n.o.p., including scrap or waste, whether or not completely formulated; such compositions in the form of not fully cured preforms for compression moulding.....	11.4%	11.4%	25%	7.5%	11.4%
93902-47	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene type; styrene-acrylonitrile type; polystyrene type, n.o.p.....	12.1%	12.1%	25%	8%	12.1%

Tariff items and rates of duty are subject to change, and need to be verified by direct reference to:

Customs Programs Branch, Secretariat
Department of National Revenue
Customs and Excise
Ottawa, Ontario
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FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Inquiries concerning tariffs and other government trade regulations in foreign countries should be directed to:

International Bureaux
Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce
Ottawa, Ontario
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