



AEC effort succeeds! China duties upheld

A fast-moving legislative advocacy effort to uphold the countervailing duties applied to China in 24 U.S. industries, including aluminum extrusion, succeeded earlier this month. Thanks to a bold campaign that led to a quick turnaround by the U.S. Congress, a new law was signed on March 12, 2012 affirming the Commerce Department's authority to place countervailing duties (CVD) on imports from China and other non-market economies (NME).

The legislation overturns a surprising Dec. 19, 2011 ruling by a Federal Court of Appeals in the case of *GPX International Tires vs. United States*, which found that Commerce does not have the authority to impose CVDs on NMEs. The AEC, the U.S. aluminum extrusion industry and its supporters all came together to offer a legislative solution, which Congress passed with bipartisan support. The new law means that hard-won duties on incoming Chinese extrusions, enacted in May 2011, will remain in place.

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