

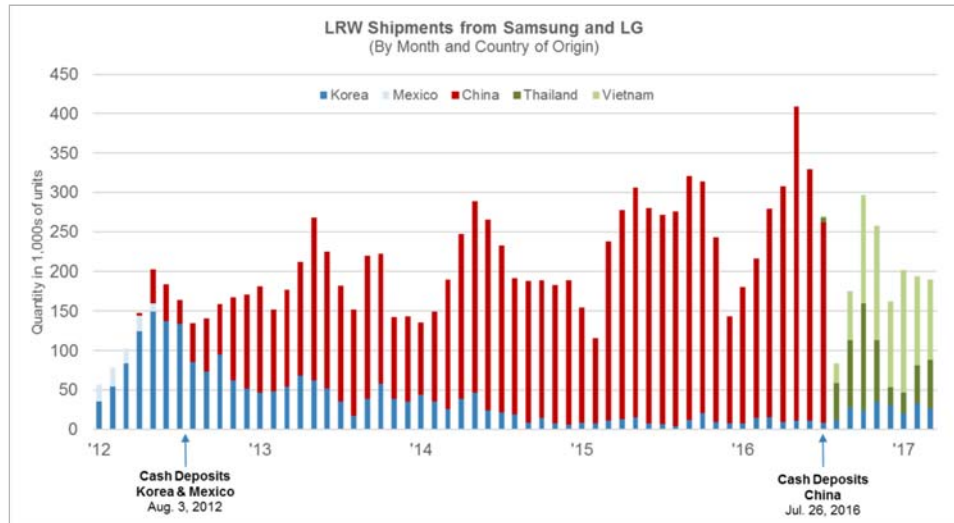
## Whirlpool Corporation Filing Safeguard Petition to Stop Repeated U.S. Trade Law Evasion

Whirlpool Corporation will file a safeguard petition with the U.S. International Trade Commission on May 31, 2017, to address the ongoing efforts of Samsung & LG to evade U.S. trade laws.

### Samsung and LG Country Hop to Avoid U.S. Trade Penalties

- In 2013, the U.S. Government found Samsung and LG were unlawfully dumping South Korean and Mexican washers in the United States.

- The two companies responded by moving washer production to China to continue selling washing machines at below-market prices.
- The U.S. Government issued a new antidumping order against Samsung and LG for washers manufactured in China.



- Several months before the ITC announced its China order, Samsung and LG stockpiled product in the United States and moved their washer production to Vietnam and Thailand to continue dumping.

### Timeline of the Safeguard Petition

- Late-September 2017: The ITC votes to determine whether increased washer imports cause serious injury to the U.S. washer industry.
- Late-November 2017: If the ITC determines injury, it recommends measures to remedy the injury.
- January or February 2018: Following review of the ITC's recommendations, if the ITC made an affirmative determination, the President issues a remedy determination.

### What is a safeguard petition?

A safeguard case requires the ITC to determine whether increased imports are a substantial cause of serious injury to a U.S. industry. If the ITC finds that injury occurred, the U.S. president has discretion to impose a remedy after receiving a recommendation from the ITC. Learn more at [https://usitc.gov/press\\_room/us\\_safeguard.htm](https://usitc.gov/press_room/us_safeguard.htm).

### Why a Safeguard Petition?

The safeguard petition is necessary because U.S. manufacturers and workers need trade relief that Samsung and LG cannot circumvent. If the case is successful, then the U.S. president makes the final decision whether to provide relief, which may include tariffs, quotas or tariff-rate quotas, to any large residential washers imported into the United States by Samsung & LG. If these companies try to country hop again, then the remedies can be applied to those export countries.

### How is this different than an antidumping case?

The key difference is that a safeguard investigation does not require a finding of dumping. The U.S. Government twice imposed remedies to address Samsung's and LG's unlawful dumping behavior — for their imports out of South Korea, Mexico and China — but the companies repeatedly did an end run around U.S. law by moving production facilities to different countries. A safeguard remedy promises to be more effective than another antidumping case because Samsung and LG will no longer be able to engage in country hopping to avoid the reach of U.S. law.