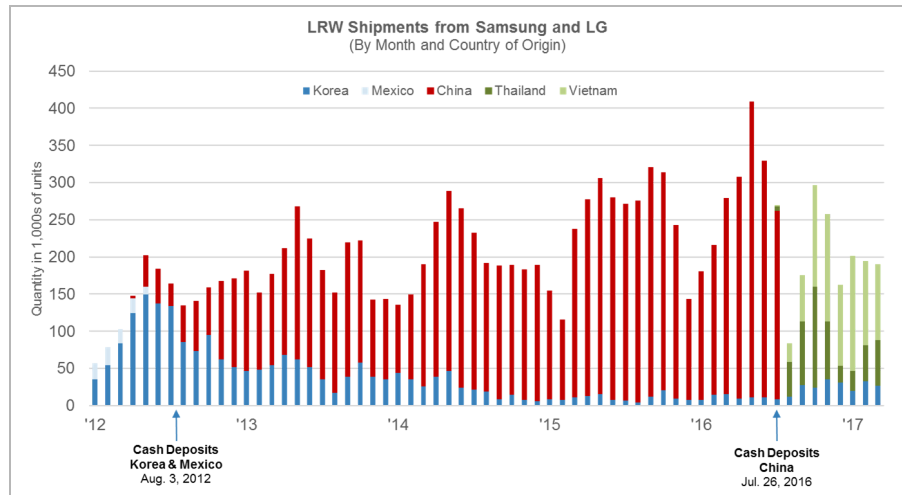


## Whirlpool Corporation Filed Safeguard Petition to Stop Repeated U.S. Trade Law Evasion

Whirlpool Corporation filed 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.



### Safeguard Petition Timeline

- **September 7, 2017:** International Trade Commission (ITC) hearing about whether the Samsung and LG increased washer import volumes injured the domestic washer industry.
- **October 5, 2017:** The ITC voted unanimously that increased washer imports have been (or threaten to be) a substantial cause of serious injury to the U.S. washer industry.
- **October 19, 2017:** ITC hearing on proposed remedies to address serious injury to the U.S. washer industry from Samsung and LG's increased washer import volumes.
- **November 21, 2017:** The ITC announces its non-binding remedy recommendations to address the injury that Samsung and LG's increased washer import volumes have caused the U.S. washer industry.
- **December 4, 2017:** The ITC provides its recommendation to the president. The president will then have approximately two months to consider the ITC's recommendations and to fashion a remedy.
- **February 2, 2018:** Deadline by which the president must take action (e.g., tariffs or other remedy) in response to the ITC's report.

### 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. In a unanimous vote, the ITC found that injury occurred, and now 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. 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.