

Enforcement of Trade Laws Will Create American Manufacturing Jobs, Restore Real Competition

The President’s decision to uphold existing trade rules ends nearly a decade of litigation and will result in new manufacturing jobs, renewed competition and more innovative products for consumers.

Details of The Remedy Ruling

On January 22, 2018, the Trump Administration announced a tariff of up to the legal maximum of 50% on imports of large residential washing machines. The president will implement a tariff rate quota effective for three years that covers finished large residential washers and key washer parts imported from all countries, including South Korea. Additional details are available on the [USTR’s website](#). The administration announced this remedy to address Samsung and LG’s decade-long efforts to unlawfully dump washers and circumvent U.S. law.

How It Helps

- This remedy will allow U.S. washer producers to recover from nearly a decade of predatory behavior by Samsung and LG.
- Whirlpool has added a new production line at our Clyde, Ohio, washing machine facility to meet an expected increase in demand, creating hundreds of new jobs. Whirlpool employs 25,000 workers in the U.S., including 15,000 who work in our manufacturing facilities.
- Whirlpool, which has manufactured products in the U.S. for more than a century, will revisit projects the company was forced to cancel or curtail in the face of serial dumping by Samsung and LG.
- Whirlpool will expand its investments in the Clyde facility, one of its nine U.S. manufacturing sites, to enhance an already highly efficient plant and ensure our ability to compete over the long term.
- This remedy will restore real competition to the appliance market. That will only increase the incentive for Whirlpool and others to invest more in innovation, delivering real benefits to consumers.
- Additionally, this action creates stronger incentives for Samsung and LG to produce appliances here in the United States, generating even more new manufacturing jobs and leveling the playing field for our existing American workforce.

Case History

- In 2013, the U.S. Government found that Samsung and LG were unlawfully dumping South Korean and Mexican washers into the United States.
- The two companies responded to the U.S. Government’s imposition of duties by quickly moving washer production to China.
- In early 2017, the U.S. Government issued a new antidumping order against Samsung and LG for washers made in China.
- But before the government could implement those penalties, the two companies stockpiled Chinese-made washers in the U.S. and immediately shifted new production to Vietnam and Thailand, completely circumventing the remedy.
- In May 2017, Whirlpool Corp. filed a global safeguard petition with the U.S. ITC to end this pattern of serial country-hopping to circumvent trade orders.
- In October 2017, the ITC voted unanimously that increased large-residential washer imports have been a substantial cause of serious injury to the U.S. washer industry.
- In December 2017, the ITC provided its remedy recommendations to the president.

Why a Safeguard Petition?

The safeguard petition was necessary because U.S. manufacturers and workers needed global trade relief that Samsung and LG could not circumvent. If these companies try to country hop again, then the remedies can be applied to those export countries.

Where did it start?



Mexico & South Korea

Where did it move next?



China

And after that?



Thailand & Vietnam