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Daniel Pickard Discusses CBP Investigation into Diamond Sawblades Imported from China

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Daniel B. Pickard, a partner in Wiley Rein's **International Trade Practice**, was quoted in a September 25 *International Trade Today* article regarding the investigation of two California power tool companies by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) over allegations that they evaded antidumping duties on diamond sawblades imported from China.

In a case brought by the Diamond Sawblades Manufacturers Coalition (DSMC), CBP cited evidence that Power Tek Tool and Lyke Industrial Tool intentionally misclassified diamond sawblades from a Chinese manufacturer to evade existing duties. Mr. Pickard is counsel to the DSMC, an ad hoc association of domestic producers. The allegations were filed under the Enforce and Protect Act.

"We're going to continue to monitor the situation and continue to file allegations when there's evidence of illegal circumvention of the antidumping order," Mr. Pickard said.

He added that the domestic sawblade coalition is "especially thankful for the good work done" by CBP, and is "very pleased" with the way the agency is administering the EAPA. "We've found the process of filing allegations to be relatively straightforward" and it has "already provided significant remedies to the domestic industry," Mr. Pickard said.

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This is the second CBP antidumping investigation to result from allegations made by the DSMC. A separate CBP investigation into the alleged transshipment of diamond sawblades via Thailand has “already resulted in meaningful consequences,” Mr. Pickard noted.

He added that the coalition is working “zealously” on multiple fronts, including an anti-circumvention inquiry in which the U.S. Commerce Department is expected to issue a ruling in the coming weeks.