



THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE FOR U.S. MOLD BUILDERS.

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Over 60 U.S. Mold Manufacturers Rally to AMBA Call-to-Action, Filing to Keep China Tariffs

Indianapolis, IN – Earlier this summer, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) requested comments on the continuation of Section 301 tariffs on China, prompting an immediate call-to-action from the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA). In response, over 60 comments were filed from mold and die makers who support keeping the 25 percent tariffs in place on tooling, dies and plastic injection molds.

This request was prompted by a notice published on May 5, 2022, informing supporters of continuing the tariffs to file comments in their first step in the statutory four-year review process of the Section 301 tariffs on China. In response to the received comments, the USTR confirmed on September 2, 2022, that it will issue a notice in the near future about proceeding with a full review of the Section 301 trade actions.

“This overwhelming show of support from the U.S. mold, tool and die industry for continuing the tariffs on Chinese imports sends a clear message to officials in Washington, D.C. that the tariffs are helping these American companies,” said Kym Conis, managing director of the AMBA. “The plastic injection mold manufacturers especially have demonstrated that they have the ability to meet current and future demand and are calling on the Biden administration to keep the Section 301 tariffs on molds, dies and tooling in place,” she continued.

The industry-wide support was demonstrated on September 16, 2022, when the USTR released the names and comments filed by individuals in support of the 25 percent and 7.5 percent tariffs on over 10,000 imports from China. In total, 358 comments were submitted, just under 20 percent of which were mold and die makers.

“In 2019, the AMBA and manufacturers filed more than 150 comments and succeeded in calling on USTR to reinstate the tariffs on plastic injection molds from China,” added Conis. “This industry is organized and mobilized to stand up to China’s trade practices and will urge the Biden administration to keep in place this important trade tool,” she added.

The September 2, 2022, notice stated that the U.S. Government will keep the 25 percent and 7.5 percent tariffs in place while it conducts the review. The AMBA will again work with mold builders and other tooling and die manufacturers to demonstrate the capacity and capability of U.S. industry to meet demand.

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About the AMBA

Established in 1973, the American Mold Builders Association (AMBA) is the largest grassroots organization in the United States dedicated solely to the mold manufacturing industry. As a national non-profit trade association serving over 200 member companies and over 50 partner companies (supplier members), AMBA provides its members with access to the most powerful networking and resources in the industry.