

including grocery sacks and other paper bags. The General Duty rate of tariffs under each of these subheadings and statistical reporting numbers is “Free.”²³

3. Requested scope of the investigations

The following language describes the imported merchandise that Petitioner intends to be included in the scope of these investigations:

The products within the scope of these investigations are paper shopping bags with handles of any type, regardless of whether there is any printing, regardless of how the top edges are finished (*e.g.*, folded, serrated, or otherwise), and regardless of whether the tops can be sealed. Subject paper shopping bags have a width of at least 4.5 inches and depth of at least 2.5 inches.

Excluded from the scope are:

- Multiwall sacks and bags;
- Paper sacks or bags that are of a 1/6 or 1/7 barrel size (*i.e.*, 11.5-12.5 inches in width, 6.5-7.5 inches in depth, and 13.5-17.5 inches in height) with flat paper handles;
- Paper sacks or bags with die-cut handles, a standard basis paper weight of less than 38 pounds, and a height of less than 11.5 inches;
- Shopping bags (i) with non-paper handles made wholly of woven ribbon or other similar woven fabric and (ii) that are finished with folded tops or for which tied knots or t-bar aglets (made of wood, metal, or plastic) are used to secure the handles to the bags; and
- Gift bags marked for retail sale that are physically bundled into the saleable unit prior to importation such that each bundled unit is composed of no less than three individual bags and no more than 30 individual bags.

This merchandise is currently classifiable under HTS item numbers 4819.30.0040 and 4819.40.0040.

D. Class Or Kind Of Merchandise And Domestic Like Product²⁴

The paper shopping bags covered by these investigations comprise a single class or kind of merchandise. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1677(10), paper shopping bags represent the product that is “like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with the article

²³ See Relevant pages from HTS Chapter 48, attached as **Exhibit I-5**.

²⁴ 19 C.F.R. § 207.11(b)(2)(iv).