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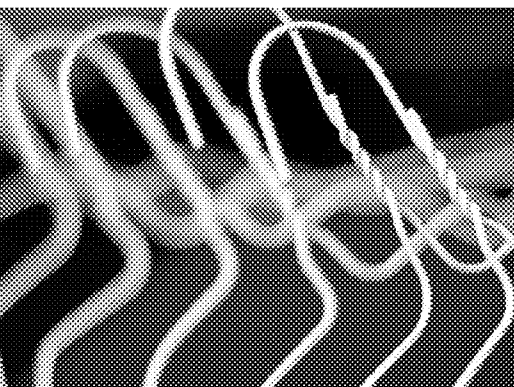
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# Antidumping group: Importer of Chinese hangers arrested

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An importer of Chinese steel hangers has been arrested for illegally circumventing trade sanctions meant to protect U.S. manufacturers, including two Alabama companies.

The **Coalition for Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders**, a coalition of U.S. manufacturers, today announced that the importer was charged with fraud, smuggling, and money laundering for shipping Chinese hangers through third countries and falsely claiming they were not of Chinese origin.

Sanctions had been put in place after Leeds-based **M&B Metal Products** filed a complaint that led the **U.S. Department of Commerce** to determine that Chinese companies were "dumping" hangers on the U.S. market, or selling them below cost.

M&B and Pelham-based **Vulcan Threaded Products** are members of

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the coalition that announced the arrest.

The name of the person arrested and the company for which the person worked were not immediately available.

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OH no!!!! a company locally can't compete with out of area competition so lets keep them out unless they pay a high tariff.

What kind of hell would be raised if the car manufacturers in the U.S. had that done to all imported cars?

Protectionism is an excuse left over from the heyday of the imperialism of teh Teddy Roosevelt and the insecurity of the unions because others can produce the product cheaper.

If the cheaper product DOES have elements in it that are not good for the user then it is up to the user to find out which product is better.

We don't expect the government to tell us which product is bad and which is good as that is leaving the choices we make in our lives up to someone else and removes our personal responsibility and freedom of choice.

Yes it is an alabama company that may be impacted by the cheaper hangers. But, the protection of them against competition is akin to the buggy whip manufacturers wanting restraints on the makers of cars as it would put THEM out of business.

It is the duty of the local company to make it known to their customers WHY their product is better and worth the extra money for it.

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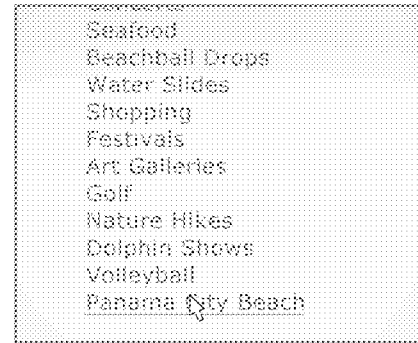
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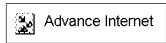
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