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USITC Votes to Continue Investigations Concerning Ceramic Tile from China

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) has determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of ceramic tile from China that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

Chairman David S. Johanson and Commissioners Irving A. Williamson, Meredith M. Broadbent, Rhonda K. Schmittlein, and Jason E. Kearns voted in the affirmative.

[Read All About It](#)



Design Biz Pros Share Their Coverings Tile Show Takes

Once a year, the global tile industry gathers in an American city to show off its new wares. This year, that gathering took place in Orlando and there were brands from the United States, Turkey, Portugal, Japan, China, Spain, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and other countries represented. Here are hot takes from Coverings 2019 from three industry pros who cover the design industry for their print and online readers.

[Tile It On](#)



Sifting Through the Confusion about Manmade Quartz Surfaces

The countertop industry is a big one, offering billions of dollars in annual sales in the United States alone. Naturally, competition is fierce as various companies vie for attention and make bold claims to lure customers. Quartz countertop manufacturers are working hard to influence the marketplace, and they are doing so with big promises and lofty assertions.

[Quartz Questions](#)



Qualified Labor is Critical for Successful Tile Installations

Scott Carothers with the Ceramic Tile Education Foundation stresses the importance of providing craftspeople with information on industry standards and methods.

Spread the Word



Add Credibility to Your Tile Business

Every Certified Tile Installer (CTI) has his or her own story for wanting to become a CTI. In the case of Kris Nardone, CTI #1364, it had to do with adding credibility to his installation business, K_Nardone Custom Tile Work.

In the Know



Travel with Tile: 2019 Summer Destinations

Planning where to spend your summer vacation is exciting all on its own, but deciding to travel with purpose can add an additional level of fulfillment to your trip. Traveling with purpose can mean traveling with certain goals in mind, be they goals for self-care, self-enrichment to learn something new, or a selfless journey to assist another person or community. As you choose your goals and destinations this summer, consider accommodations that support the environment and try to minimize their impact on the world.

Summer Lovin'



Ceramic: A Safe Choice

Did you know that ceramic is a safe and completely recyclable material? It's hygienic, hypoallergenic, and it is ideal for almost any space. Because ceramic a natural and safe material, it works for virtually any room in the home. Ceramic tiles keep kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, bedrooms, and even outdoor areas clean and safe for everyone. Since tiles are odorless, non-toxic and easy to clean, they are ideal for use on floors, walls and even counter tops. Not to mention, ceramic tiles are easy to install and last for years.

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