

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **DHS Conducts Raid on Qingdao Sunsong**

**WASHINGTON – January 24, 2024** – On Thursday, January 18, the Department of Homeland Security executed a search warrant at the Ohio-based U.S. subsidiary of Qingdao Sunsong, a Chinese automobile parts manufacturer.

This comes eight months after the Trade Alliance to Promote Prosperity (TAPP) launched its "Tariff Integrity" initiative, drawing attention to the Sunsong case.

Sunsong has been subject to increased scrutiny for its tariff evasion practices, undermining the success of U.S. businesses. This scrutiny was underscored when Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL) first called out Sunsong during a field hearing in Wisconsin held by the House Select Committee on the CCP. Shortly after the field hearing, LaHood and China Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) penned a joint letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas urging him to initiate action against Sunsong.

"Since the initial launch of the <u>Tariff Integrity</u> case study, the Trade Alliance to Promote Prosperity has pressed for suspected perpetrators of trade fraud to be investigated and, if found guilty, prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Trade fraud presents a major economic and security threat to our country," noted Kent Kaiser, Ph.D., executive director of the Trade Alliance to Promote Prosperity. "TAPP commends the China Committee and the DHS for their diligent efforts in protecting American business by enforcing tariff laws."

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