



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China

- On October 7, 2009, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate AD and CVD investigations on imports of seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line and pressure pipe from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are the United States Steel Corporation (PA), V&M Star LP (TX), TMK IPSCO (IL), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (PA).
- The products covered by these investigations include seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipes less than or equal to 16 inches (406.4 mm) in outside diameter. These products are intended for the conveyance of water, steam, petrochemicals, chemicals, oil products, natural gas, and other liquids and gasses in industrial piping systems.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under, but not limited to, the following categories: 7304.19.1020, 7304.19.1030, 7304.19.1045, 7304.19.1060, 7304.19.5020, 7304.19.5050, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.39.0062, 7304.39.0068, 7304.39.0072, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.600, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, 7304.59.8055, 7304.59.8060, 7304.59.8065, 7304.59.8070. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of these investigations.
- From 2006 to 2008, imports of seamless pipe from China increased 131.52 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$382 million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about November 2, 2009.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its CVD preliminary determination in December 2009 and AD preliminary determination in February 2010.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
CHINA	98.37%

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	September 16, 2009	September 16, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	October 6, 2009	October 6, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination*	November 2, 2009	November 2, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determinations**	December 10, 2009	February 23, 2010
DOC Final Determinations**	February 23, 2010	May 10, 2010
ITC Final Determination***	April 9, 2010	June 23, 2010
Issuance of Orders****	April 16, 2010	June 30, 2010

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

**These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

*** This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (net tons)	158,128	172,321	366,091
Value (US\$)	119,623,752	129,955,175	381,881,525

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Imports for Consumption. According to Petitioners, in order to obtain the best estimates for subject imports, the most appropriate HTSUS categories are: 7304.10.1020, 7304.10.1030, 7304.10.1045, 7304.10.1060, 7304.10.5020, 7304.10.5050, 7304.19.1020, 7304.19.1030, 7304.19.1045, 7304.19.1060, 7304.19.5020, 7304.19.5050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0062, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8045, and 7304.59.8060.