



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand

- On March 6, 2014, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of steel threaded rod from Thailand.
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally approved mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- Commerce determined that imports of steel threaded rod from Thailand have been sold in the United States at dumping margins ranging from 68.41 to 74.90 percent.
- Commerce applied adverse facts available to the only mandatory respondent, Tycoons Worldwide Group (Thailand) Public Co., Ltd. (Tycoons), because Tycoons failed to respond to the Department's questionnaire. Accordingly, Tycoons received a final dumping margin of 74.90 percent. All other producers/exporters in Thailand received a final dumping margin of 68.41 percent.
- As a result of the final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits equal to the applicable weighted-average dumping margins.
- The petitioners for this investigation are All America Threaded Products Inc. (CO), Bay Standard Manufacturing Inc. (CA), and Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (AL).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is steel threaded rod. Steel threaded rod is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon quality steel, having a solid, circular cross section, of any diameter, in any straight length, that have been forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled, machine straightened, or otherwise cold-finished, and into which threaded grooves have been applied. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to this investigation are nonheaded and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total length. A variety of finishes or coatings, such as plain oil finish as a temporary rust protectant, zinc coating (*i.e.*, galvanized, whether by electroplating or hot-dipping), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise.

Included in the scope of this investigation are steel threaded rod, bar, or studs, in which: (1) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (2) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (3) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, respectively indicated:

- 1.80 percent of manganese, or
 - 1.50 percent of silicon, or
 - 1.00 percent of copper, or
 - 0.50 percent of aluminum, or
 - 1.25 percent of chromium, or
 - 0.30 percent of cobalt, or
 - 0.40 percent of lead, or
 - 1.25 percent of nickel, or
 - 0.30 percent of tungsten, or
 - 0.012 percent of boron, or
 - 0.10 percent of molybdenum, or
 - 0.10 percent of niobium, or
 - 0.41 percent of titanium, or
 - 0.15 percent of vanadium, or
 - 0.15 percent of zirconium.
- Steel threaded rod is currently classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, 7318.15.5090 and 7318.15.2095 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.
 - Excluded from the scope of this investigation are: (a) threaded rod, bar, or studs which are threaded only on one or both ends and the threading covers 25 percent or less of the total length; and (b) threaded rod, bar, or studs made to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A193 Grade B7, ASTM A193 Grade B7M, ASTM A193 Grade B16, and ASTM A320 Grade L7.
 - In 2013, imports of steel threaded rod from Thailand were valued at an estimated \$10 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination on April 21, 2014.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of steel threaded rod from Thailand materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative determination of injury, the investigation will be terminated.

FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
Thailand	Tycoons Worldwide Group (Thailand) Public Co., Ltd.	74.90%
	All Others	68.41%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	June 27, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	July 17, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 27, 2013
DOC Preliminary Determination[^]	December 20, 2013
DOC Final Determination[^]	March 5, 2014
ITC Final Determination	April 21, 2014[†]
Issuance of Order^{*^}	April 28, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

[^] As explained in the Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government" (October 18, 2013), Commerce exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013. Therefore, the deadlines in this investigation have been extended by 16 days.

[†]Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

^{*}This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

THAILAND	2011	2012	2013
Volume (metric tons)	4,500	11,300	9,900
Value (USD)	4,722,000	11,098,000	10,038,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, 7318.15.5090, and 7318.15.2095) Some HTSUS subheadings are basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.