



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Steel Threaded Rod from Thailand

- On December 23, 2013, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary 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.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Thailand producers/exporters have sold steel threaded rod at margins ranging from 68.41 to 74.90 percent.
- Commerce preliminarily determined to apply 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 preliminary dumping margin of 74.90 percent. All other producers/exporters of steel threaded rod in Thailand received a preliminary dumping margin of 68.41 percent.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to require cash deposits based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for this investigation are All America Threaded Products Inc. (Denver, CO), Bay Standard Manufacturing Inc. (Brentwood, CA), and Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (Pelham, 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 2012, imports of steel threaded rod from Thailand were valued at an estimated \$11.1 million.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about March 6, 2014; this deadline may be extended, in accordance with the governing statute.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (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 either Commerce’s or the ITC’s final determination is negative, no AD order will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination in April 2014.

**PRELIMINARY DUMPING MARGINS:**

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

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Petition Filed</b>	<b>June 27, 2013</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>July 17, 2013</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>August 27, 2013</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determination<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>December 20, 2013</b>
<b>DOC Final Determination<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination<sup>*</sup></b>	<b>April 19, 2014</b>
<b>Issuance of Order<sup>**^</sup></b>	<b>April 26, 2014</b>

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.

<sup>^</sup> 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 has 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.

<sup>\*</sup>This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by Commerce.

<sup>\*\*</sup>This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by Commerce and the ITC.

## IMPORT STATISTICS:

<b>Thailand</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Volume (metric tons)</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>11,300</b>
<b>Value (USD)</b>	<b>3,376,000</b>	<b>4,722,000</b>	<b>11,098,000</b>

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