



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds No Countervailable Subsidization of Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Turkey

- On February 20, 2014, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its negative preliminary determination in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey.
- For the purpose of CVD investigations, countervailable subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries, or are contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that mandatory respondents Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S. (Habas) and Icdas Celik Enerji ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S. (Icdas) did not receive countervailable subsidies during the period of investigation. Commerce preliminarily calculated a *de minimis* rate of 0.78 percent for Habas and a *de minimis* rate of 0.10 percent for Icdas. Because the rates calculated for the mandatory respondents are *de minimis*, the rate for all other producers/exporters of rebar in Turkey is also *de minimis*.
- Because the preliminary CVD rates are *de minimis*, Commerce will not instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect cash deposits.
- The petitioners for this investigation is the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members: Nucor Corporation (NC), Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc. (FL), Commercial Metals Company (TX), Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc. (OR), and Byer Steel Group, Inc. (OH).
- The merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is steel concrete reinforcing bar imported in either straight length or coil form (rebar) regardless of metallurgy, length, diameter, or grade. The subject merchandise is classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) primarily under item numbers 7213.10.0000, 7214.20.0000, and 7228.30.8010. The subject merchandise may also enter under other HTSUS numbers including 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057, 7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0001, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6085, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000. Specifically excluded are plain rounds (*i.e.*, non-deformed or smooth rebar). HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.
- In 2013, imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey were valued at approximately \$381.3 million.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about July 2, 2014; unless the statutory deadline is extended.

- If Commerce makes a negative final determination, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) will not issue a final injury determination. However, if Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue a CVD order. The ITC issues its final injury determination approximately 45 days after Commerce issues a final affirmative determination. If either Commerce's or the ITC's final determination is negative, no CVD order will be issued.

PRELIMINARY SUBSIDY RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	SUBSIDY RATES
Turkey	Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S.	0.78%
	Icdas Celik Enerji ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S.	0.10%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	September 4, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	September 24, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 6, 2013†
DOC Preliminary Determination [^]	February 19, 2014
DOC Final Determination [^]	July 2, 2014
ITC Final Determination [*]	August 16, 2014
Issuance of Order ^{**^}	August 23, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 703(b) and 705(a)(1) 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 Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

TURKEY	2011	2012	2013
Volume (metric tons)	242,600	574,800	650,000
Value (USD)	161,588,000	370,646,000	381,283,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7213.10.0000, 7214.20.0000, and 7228.30.8010). Rebar may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7221.00.0015, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057, 7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0001, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6085, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000, which may cover significant amounts of non-subject merchandise. Therefore, these HTSUS subheadings have not been used for purposes of reporting import statistics.