



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

- On June 6, 2013, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of welded stainless pressure pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam).
- 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.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Bristol Metals LLC (TN), Felker Brothers Corp. (WI), and Outokumpu Stainless Pipe, Inc. (IL).
- The product covered by the scope of these investigations is circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. For purposes of this scope, references to size are in nominal inches and include all products within tolerances allowed by pipe specifications. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. ASTM A-358 products are only included when they are produced to meet ASTM A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.
- Excluded from the scope are: (1) welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A-554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A-249, ASTM A-688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A-269, ASTM A-270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.
- The subject imports are normally classified in subheadings 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- In 2012, imports of welded stainless pressure pipe from Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam were valued at an estimated \$18.6 million, \$22.9 million, and \$18 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before July 1, 2013.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Malaysia, Thailand, and/or Vietnam materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in October 2013, unless the statutory deadline is extended. If the ITC preliminary determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
MALAYSIA	22.67 to 22.73 percent
THAILAND	23.77 to 24.01 percent
VIETNAM	89.40 to 90.80 percent

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	May 16, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	June 5, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determinations*†	July 1, 2013
DOC Preliminary Determinations	October 23, 2013
DOC Final Determinations	January 6, 2014
ITC Final Determinations**	February 20, 2014
Issuance of Orders***	February 27, 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.

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

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

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

MALAYSIA	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	5,200	4,600	5,400
Value (USD)	18,067,000	18,674,000	18,552,000
THAILAND			
THAILAND	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	3,500	7,200	6,100
Value (USD)	12,520,000	30,679,000	22,889,000
VIETNAM			
VIETNAM	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	3,800	4,300	4,700
Value (USD)	13,001,000	17,001,000	17,981,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, 7306.40.5080, 7306.40.5085, and 7306.40.5090.) Some HTSUS subheadings are basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.