



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey and a Countervailing Duty Investigation of Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Turkey

- On September 25, 2013, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Mexico and Turkey and a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey.
- The AD and CVD 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 and unfair subsidization 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. 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.
- The petitioners for these investigations are 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 these investigations 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 2012, imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Mexico and Turkey were valued at approximately \$172.7 million and \$370.6 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before October 21, 2013.

- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from Mexico and/or Turkey materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in November 2013 and its preliminary AD determinations in February 2014, unless the statutory deadlines are extended. If the ITC preliminary determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
Mexico	48.82 percent to 66.70 percent
Turkey	35.01 percent to 36.99 percent

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

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

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

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS MEXICO AND TURKEY	CVD INVESTIGATION TURKEY
Petitions Filed	September 4, 2013	September 4, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	September 24, 2013	September 24, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determinations*	October 21, 2013†	October 21, 2013†
DOC Preliminary Determinations	February 11, 2014	November 29, 2013†
DOC Final Determinations	April 28, 2014†	February 11, 2014
ITC Final Determinations**	June 11, 2014	March 28, 2014
Issuance of Orders***	June 18, 2014	April 4, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For CVD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For AD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 735(a) of the Act. 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 from Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

MEXICO	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	264,900	257,000	266,500
Value (USD)	138,778,000	173,207,000	172,744,000
TURKEY	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	160,900	242,600	574,800
Value (USD)	84,382,000	161,588,000	370,646,000

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.