



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Imports of Certain Tapered Roller Bearings from the Republic of Korea

- On July 19, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of an antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of certain tapered roller bearings from the Republic of Korea (Korea).
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent, quasi-judicial, and internationally accepted 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 petitioner is The Timken Company (OH).
- The scope of this investigation covers certain tapered roller bearings. The scope covers all tapered roller bearings with a nominal outside cup diameter of eight inches and under, regardless of type of steel used to produce the bearing, whether of inch or metric size, and whether the tapered roller bearing is a thrust bearing or not. Certain tapered roller bearings include: finished cup and cone assemblies entering as a set, finished cone assemblies entering separately, and finished parts (cups, cones, and tapered rollers). Certain tapered roller bearings are sold individually as a set (cup and cone assembly), as a cone assembly, as a finished cup, or packaged as a kit with one or several tapered roller bearings, a seal, and grease. The scope of the investigation includes finished rollers and finished cones that have not been assembled with rollers and a cage. Certain tapered roller bearings can be a single row or multiple rows (*e.g.*, two- or four-row), and a cup can handle a single cone assembly or multiple cone assemblies.

Finished cups, cones, and rollers differ from unfinished cups, cones, and rollers in that they have undergone further processing after heat treatment, including, but not limited to, final machining, grinding, and/or polishing. Mere heat treatment of a cup, cone, or roller (without any further processing after heat treatment) does not render the cup, cone, or roller a finished part for the purpose of this investigation. Finished tapered roller bearing parts are understood to mean parts which, at the time of importation, are ready for assembly (if further assembly is required) and require no further finishing or fabrication, such as grinding, lathing, machining, polishing, heat treatment, *etc.* Finished parts may require grease, bolting, and/or pressing as part of final assembly, and the requirement that these processes be performed, subsequent to importation, does not remove an otherwise finished tapered roller bearing from the scope.

Tapered roller bearings that have a nominal outer cup diameter of eight inches and under that may be used in wheel hub units, rail bearings, or other housed bearings, but entered separately, are included in the scope to the same extent as described above. All tapered roller bearings meeting the written description above, and not otherwise excluded, are included, regardless of coating.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are:

- 1) unfinished parts of tapered roller bearings (cups, cones, and tapered rollers);
- 2) cages, whether finished or unfinished;
- 3) the non-tapered roller bearing components of subject kits (*e.g.*, grease, seal); and
- 4) tapered roller bearing wheel hub units, rail bearings, and other housed tapered roller bearings (flange, take up cartridges, and hanger units incorporating tapered rollers).

Tapered roller bearings subject to this investigation are primarily classifiable under subheadings 8482.20.0040, 8482.20.0061, 8482.20.0070, 8482.20.0081, 8482.91.0050, 8482.99.1550, and 8482.99.1580 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).¹ Parts may also enter under 8482.99.4500. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

- In 2016, imports of certain tapered roller bearings were valued at an estimated \$60.1 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or before August 14, 2017.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of certain tapered roller bearings from Korea materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry in the United States, the investigation will continue, and the Department will be scheduled to announce its preliminary AD determination in December 2017, though this date may be extended. If the ITC's determination is negative, the investigation will be terminated.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
Korea	46.28 to 132.24 percent

¹ Prior to July 2016, products entering under 8482.20.0061 entered under 8482.20.0060, products entering under 8482.20.0081 entered under 8482.20.0080, and products entering under 8482.99.1550 entered under 8482.99.1540.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	June 28, 2017
DOC Initiation Date	July 18, 2017
ITC Preliminary Determination*	August 14, 2017†
DOC Preliminary Determination	December 5, 2017
DOC Final Determination	February 20, 2018†
ITC Final Determination**	April 5, 2018
Issuance of Order***	April 12, 2018

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 Act. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigation is terminated.

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

KOREA	2014	2015	2016
Volume (metric tons)	4,438	5,887	6,832
Value (USD)	40,107,663	54,251,847	60,064,327

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 8482.20.0040, 8482.20.0060, 8482.20.0061, 8482.20.0070, 8482.20.0080, 8482.20.0081, 8482.91.0050, 8482.99.1540, and 8482.99.1550). Some of the above HTSUS subheadings are basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise. Imports of certain tapered roller bearings may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 8482.99.1580 and parts may also enter under HTSUS 8482.99.4500. However, these HTSUS subheadings are basket categories that may cover a significant amount of non-subject merchandise; therefore, these subheadings have been excluded for purposes of reporting the import statistics above.