



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from China, India, and Taiwan

- On September 20, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from China, India, and Taiwan.
- 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 an imported product in the United States at less than fair value.
- In the China investigation, Commerce assigned preliminary affirmative dumping rates of 4.81 percent and 27.07 percent to the mandatory respondents Zhejiang Junyue Standard Part Co., Ltd. and Ningbo Zhongjiang High Strength Bolts Co., Ltd., respectively. All other producers/exporters in China that are eligible for a separate rate received a rate of 21.04 percent. All other producers/exporters in China that are not eligible for a separate rate received the China-wide rate of 59.45 percent, based on adverse facts available.
- In the India investigation, Commerce assigned a preliminary affirmative dumping rate of 2.04 percent to all Indian producers and exporters.
- In the Taiwan investigation, Commerce assigned a preliminary affirmative dumping rate of 32.26 percent to the mandatory respondents Quintain Steel Co. Ltd., Top Forever Screws Co. Ltd., Fastenal Asia Pacific Ltd. TW Repres, QST International Corporation, and Ta Chen Steel Pipe Ltd., based on adverse facts available. Commerce assigned a preliminary affirmative dumping rate of 32.26 percent to all other Taiwanese producers and exporters.
- The petitioner is Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc. (Pelham, AL).
- With respect to the scope, *see* Attachment I.
- In 2018, imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from China, India, and Taiwan were valued at an estimated \$325 million, \$111 million, and \$156 million, respectively.
- The Preliminary Decision Memoranda are on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. Please refer to case number A-570-104 for China, A-533-887 for India, and A-583-865 for Taiwan.

NEXT STEPS:

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination with respect to Taiwan on or about December 4, 2019, and with respect to China and India on or about February 11, 2020.
- If Commerce makes affirmative final determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative final determinations that imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from China, India, and/or Taiwan materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. If either Commerce or the ITC issues negative final determinations, no AD orders will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determinations approximately 45 days after Commerce issues its final determinations, if affirmative.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES	CASH DEPOSIT RATES[^]
China	Zhejiang Junyue Standard Part Co., Ltd.	4.81%	0.00%
	Ningbo Zhongjiang High Strength Bolts Co., Ltd.	27.07%	16.53%
	Non-Selected Separate Rate Respondents*	21.04%	10.50%
	China-Wide Rate	59.45%	48.91%

*See the *Federal Register* notice for a list of the companies receiving a separate rate.

[^]Rates are adjusted for export subsidies.

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES	CASH DEPOSIT RATES
India	Daksh Fasteners	2.04%	0.00%
	Mangal Steel Enterprise Limited	2.04%	0.00%
	All-Others Rate	2.04%	0.00%

[^]Rates are adjusted for export subsidies.

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES**
Taiwan	Quintain Steel Co. Ltd.	32.26%
	Top Forever Screws Co. Ltd.	32.26%
	Fastenal Asia Pacific Ltd. TW Repres	32.26%
	QST International Corporation	32.26%
	Ta Chen Steel Pipe Ltd.	32.26%
	All-Others	32.26%

**Based entirely on adverse facts available.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	February 21, 2019
DOC Initiation Date	March 13, 2019
ITC Preliminary Determinations	April 8, 2019
DOC Preliminary Determinations	September 19, 2019
DOC Final Determination for Taiwan	December 3, 2019
DOC Final Determinations for China and India	February 10, 2020
ITC Final Determination for Taiwan**	January 17, 2020
ITC Final Determinations for China and India**	March 26, 2020
Issuance of Order for Taiwan***	January 24, 2020
Issuance of Orders for China and India***	April 2, 2020

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)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

China	2016	2017	2018
Quantity (metric tons)	115,572	170,824	241,460
Value (USD)	146,377,591	208,788,306	325,302,897

India	2016	2017	2018
Quantity (metric tons)	111,038	128,171	134,688
Value (USD)	73,820,173	88,695,510	111,222,532

Taiwan	2016	2017	2018
Quantity (metric tons)	76,564	69,918	81,244
Value (USD)	123,942,676	139,502,616	156,143,366

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, and 7318.15.5090).

ATTACHMENT I

- With respect to the India and Taiwan investigations, the scope is as follows:

The merchandise covered by these investigations is carbon and alloy steel threaded rod. Steel threaded rod is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon or alloy steel, having a solid, circular cross section of any diameter, in any straight length. Steel threaded rod is normally drawn, cold-rolled, threaded, and straightened, or it may be hot-rolled. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to these investigations are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total actual 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.

Steel threaded rod is normally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications ASTM A36, ASTM A193 B7/B7m, ASTM A193 B16, ASTM A307, ASTM A329 L7/L7M, ASTM A320 L43, ASTM A354 BC and BD, ASTM A449, ASTM F1554-36, ASTM F1554-55, ASTM F1554 Grade 105, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specification ASME B18.31.3, and American Petroleum Institute (API) specification API 20E. All steel threaded rod meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of these investigations, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

Carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are also included in the scope of these investigations whether or not imported attached to, or in conjunction with, other parts and accessories such as nuts and washers. If carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, such non-subject merchandise, only the threaded rod is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope of these investigations is: (1) 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 actual length; and (2) stainless steel threaded rod, defined as steel threaded rod containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements.

Excluded from the scope of the antidumping investigation on steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China is any merchandise covered by the existing antidumping order on Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China. *See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order*, 74 FR 17154 (April 14, 2009).

Specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations is threaded rod that is imported as part of a package of hardware in conjunction with a ready-to-assemble piece of furniture.

Steel threaded rod is currently classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, and 7318.15.5090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheading 7318.15.2095 and 7318.19.0000 of the HTSUS. The HTSUS

subheadings are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

- With respect to the China investigation, the scope is as follows:

The merchandise covered by the scope of the investigation is alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod. Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon or alloy steel, having a solid, circular cross section of any diameter, in any straight length. Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are normally drawn, cold-rolled, threaded, and straightened, or it may be hot-rolled. In addition, the alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to the investigation are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total actual 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.

Alloy Steel threaded rod is normally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications A193 B7/B7m, A193 B16, A320 L7/L7m, A320 L43, A354 BC and BD, and F1554 Grade 105. Other specifications are Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) specification 1429 grades 5 and 8, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specification 898 class 8.8 and 10.9, and American Petroleum Institute (API) specification 20E. Certain carbon steel threaded rod is normally produced to ASTM specification A449. All steel threaded rod meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of the investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard. Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, assembled, or packaged in a third country, including by cutting, chamfering, coating, or painting the threaded rod, by attaching the threaded rod to, or packaging it with, another product, or any other finishing, assembly, or packaging operation that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the threaded rod.

Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are also included in the scope of the investigation whether or not imported attached to, or in conjunction with, other parts and accessories such as nuts and washers. If carbon and alloy steel threaded rod are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, such non-subject merchandise, only the threaded rod is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (1) 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 actual length; and (2) stainless steel threaded rod, defined as steel threaded rod containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5 percent or more of chromium, with or without other elements.

Excluded from the scope of the antidumping investigation on steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China is any merchandise covered by the existing antidumping order on Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China. See Certain Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order, 74 FR 17154 (April 14, 2009).

Specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation is threaded rod that is imported as part of a package of hardware in conjunction with a ready-to-assemble piece of furniture.

Alloy and certain carbon steel threaded rod are currently classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5056, and 7318.15.5090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheading 7318.15.2095 and 7318.19.0000 of the HTSUS.

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