



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Imports of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from 15 Countries

- On May 7, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates, and a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand from Turkey.
- The AD and CVD laws provide U.S. businesses and workers with an internationally accepted 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, a countervailable subsidy is financial assistance from a foreign government that benefits the production of goods from foreign companies and is limited to specific enterprises or industries or is contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The petitioners are Insteel Wire Products Company (Mount Airy, NC), Sumiden Wire Products Corporation (Dickson, TN), and Wire Mesh Corporation (Houston, TX).
- The scope of these investigations is provided in Appendix I.
- The Initiation Decision Checklists 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>. Please refer to case numbers:

A-357-822 for the AD investigation for Argentina,
A-301-804 for the AD investigation for Colombia,
A-729-804 for the AD investigation for Egypt,
A-560-837 for the AD investigation for Indonesia,
A-475-843 for the AD investigation for Italy,
A-557-819 for the AD investigation for Malaysia,
A-421-814 for the AD investigation for the Netherlands,
A-517-806 for the AD investigation for Saudi Arabia,
A-791-826 for the AD investigation for South Africa,
A-469-821 for the AD investigation for Spain,
A-583-868 for the AD investigation for Taiwan,
A-723-001 for the AD investigation for Tunisia,
A-489-842 for the AD investigation for Turkey,
C-489-843 for the CVD investigations for Turkey,
A-823-817 for the AD investigation for Ukraine, and
A-520-809 for the AD investigation for the United Arab Emirates.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or before June 1, 2020.
- If the USITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand from any of the 15 countries materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to announce its preliminary CVD determination on July 13, 2020, and its preliminary AD determinations on September 24, 2020, although these dates may be extended. If the USITC's determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
Argentina	60.40 percent
Colombia	86.09 percent
Egypt	29.72 percent
Indonesia	72.28 percent
Italy	30.61 percent
Malaysia	39.57 percent
Netherlands	30.86 percent
Saudi Arabia	194.40 percent
South Africa	155.10 percent
Spain	38.57 percent
Taiwan	23.89 percent
Tunisia	53.11 percent
Turkey	53.65 percent
Ukraine	17.70 to 53.83 percent
United Arab Emirates	170.65 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	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	April 16, 2020	April 16, 2020
ITA Initiation Date	May 6, 2020	May 6, 2020
ITC Preliminary Determinations*	June 1, 2020†	June 1, 2020†
ITA Preliminary Determinations	July 10, 2020	September 23, 2020
ITA Final Determinations	September 23, 2020	December 7, 2020
ITC Final Determinations**	November 9, 2020†	January 21, 2021
Issuance of Orders***	November 16, 2020†	January 28, 2021

NOTE: Commerce's 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 (the Act). 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 negative preliminary determinations of injury, the investigations are terminated.

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

ARGENTINA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	0	996,228	2,778,454
Value (USD)	\$0	\$956,922	\$2,295,376
COLOMBIA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	12,087,906	10,995,377	10,813,444
Value (USD)	\$8,985,505	\$10,389,701	\$9,572,086
EGYPT	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	0	0	439,203
Value (USD)	\$0	\$0	\$345,888
INDONESIA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	287,559	4,694,582	6,300,631
Value (USD)	\$187,281	\$4,400,977	\$5,379,607
ITALY	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	9,628,555	6,721,997	11,024,643
Value (USD)	\$6,880,032	\$6,870,906	\$10,185,049

MALAYSIA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	32,046,838	31,050,937	30,743,985
Value (USD)	\$22,852,459	\$29,233,820	\$26,090,500
NETHERLANDS	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	1,421,249	897,343	1,310,122
Value (USD)	\$1,667,152	\$1,177,521	\$1,619,809
SAUDI ARABIA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	3,507,164	8,432,924	1,654,414
Value (USD)	\$2,304,091	\$7,282,161	\$1,378,312
SOUTH AFRICA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	9,263,285	9,238,362	8,121,502
Value (USD)	\$6,196,119	\$8,197,044	\$6,722,081
SPAIN	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	12,069,496	7,190,463	18,965,650
Value (USD)	\$8,300,797	\$7,085,022	\$15,583,467
TAIWAN	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	1,174,406	4,842,587	2,852,399
Value (USD)	\$970,175	\$4,827,496	\$2,976,345
TUNISIA	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	10,428,696	11,508,866	11,418,282
Value (USD)	\$7,535,595	\$10,967,029	\$9,899,657
TURKEY	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	13,779,344	12,650,421	16,315,967
Value (USD)	\$9,510,508	\$11,690,690	\$13,082,835
UKRAINE	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	239,786	1,988,883	1,268,085
Value (USD)	\$172,925	\$1,835,965	\$986,525
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2017	2018	2019
Volume (KG)	2,060,014	277,773	3,122,714
Value (USD)	\$1,732,714	\$249,996	\$2,272,312

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (HTSUS 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012).

Appendix I:

The scope of the investigations is as follows:

The merchandise covered by these investigations is prestressed concrete steel wire strand (PC strand), produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pre-tensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand. PC strand is normally sold in the United States in sizes ranging from 0.25 inches to 0.70 inches in diameter. PC strand made from galvanized wire is only excluded from the scope if the zinc and/or zinc oxide coating meets or exceeds the 0.40 oz./ft² standard set forth in ASTM-A-475.

The PC strand subject to these investigations is currently classifiable under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.