



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from China

- On August 27, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of cast iron soil pipe from China.
- 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.
- Commerce assigned a preliminary dumping rate of 302.61 percent to mandatory respondent HengTong Casting Co., Ltd., the only responding mandatory respondent. Commerce determined a preliminary dumping rate of 302.61 percent for the China-wide entity, based entirely on adverse facts available. Commerce preliminarily determined a dumping rate of 302.61 percent for all other exporters from China that Commerce found to be eligible for a separate rate.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require cash deposits based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioner is the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (Mundelein, IL).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is cast iron soil pipe, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications, and regardless of wall thickness, length, diameter, surface finish, end finish, or stenciling. The scope of this investigation includes, but is not limited to, both hubless and hub and spigot cast iron soil pipe. Cast iron soil pipe is nonmalleable iron pipe of various designs and sizes. Cast iron soil pipe is generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron pipe by the manner in which it is connected to cast iron soil pipe fittings.

Cast iron soil pipe is classified into two major types – hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe is manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888, including any revisions to those specifications. Hub and spigot pipe has one or more hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of a fitting is inserted. All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of the investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

The subject imports are currently classified in subheading 7303.00.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): Cast iron soil pipe. The HTSUS subheading and specifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

- In 2017, imports of cast iron soil pipe from China were valued at \$11.5 million.
- The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is 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-570-079.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about January 8, 2019.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of cast iron soil pipe from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If either Commerce or the ITC issue negative final determinations, no AD order will be issued. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination approximately 45 days after Commerce issues its final determination, if affirmative.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING RATES	CASH DEPOSIT RATES
China	HengTong Casting Co., Ltd.	302.61%	302.61 %
	Separate Rate Companies*	302.61%	302.61 %
	China-Wide	302.61%	302.61 %

* Dalian Lino F.T.Z. Co., Ltd., Dalian Metal I/E Co., Ltd., Dinggin Hardware (Dalian) Co., Ltd., Hebei Metals & Engineering Products Trading Co., Ltd., Kingway Pipe Co., Ltd., Qinshui Shunshida Casting Co., Ltd., Shanxi Chen Xin Da Castings & Forgings Co., Ltd., Shanxi Xuanshi Industrial Group Co., Ltd., Shanxi Zhongrui Tianyue Trading Co., Ltd., Terrifour (Dalian) Trading Co., Ltd., Wuan City Feixiang Metal Product Co., Ltd. and Zezhou Golden Autumn Foundry Co., Ltd.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	January 26, 2017
DOC Initiation Date	February 15, 2018
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 19, 2018
DOC Preliminary Determination	August 24, 2018
DOC Final Determination	January 7, 2019
ITC Final Determination*	February 21, 2019
Issuance of Order**	February 28, 2019

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.

*This will take place only in the event of an affirmative final determination from Commerce.

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

IMPORT STATISTICS:

China	2015	2016	2017
Volume (metric tons)	13,634	20,147	15,695
Value (USD)	10,605,089	13,565,149	11,483,272

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7303.00.0030)