



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan

- On December 4, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from 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 an AD investigation, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value.
- Commerce assigned 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.
- Upon publication of the final affirmative AD determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect AD cash deposits equal to the applicable final weighted-average dumping rates.
- The petitioner is Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc. (Pelham, AL).
- The scope of this investigation is located in Appendix I
- In 2018, imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from Taiwan were valued at an estimated \$156 million.

### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or about January 17, 2020.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of carbon and alloy steel threaded rod from Taiwan materially injure or threaten material injury to the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. If the ITC makes a negative determination of injury, the investigation will be terminated.

**FINAL DUMPING RATES:**

| 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 Other Companies                  | 32.26%        |

**CASE CALENDAR:**

| EVENT                         | AD INVESTIGATION   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Petition Filed                | February 21, 2019  |
| DOC Initiation Date           | March 13, 2019     |
| ITC Preliminary Determination | April 8, 2019      |
| DOC Preliminary Determination | September 19, 2019 |
| DOC Final Determination       | December 3, 2019   |
| ITC Final Determination**     | January 17, 2020   |
| Issuance of Order***          | January 24, 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:**

| 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).

## Appendix I

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.