



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Dumping of Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Taiwan

- On July 21, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar 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.
- Mandatory respondents Power Steel Co., Ltd. and Lo-Toun Steel and Iron Works Co., Ltd. received final dumping margins of 3.50 percent and 32.01 percent, respectively. Commerce assigned the final margin of 3.50 percent to all other producers/exporters of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Taiwan.
- As a result of the final affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect cash deposits based on these final rates.
- The petitioners are the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members: Byer Steel Group, Inc. (OH), Commercial Metals Company (TX), Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc. (FL), Nucor Corporation (NC), and Steel Dynamics, Inc. (IN).
- The merchandise subject to this investigation is steel concrete reinforcing bar imported in either straight length or coil form (rebar) regardless of metallurgy, length, diameter, or grade or lack thereof. Subject merchandise includes deformed steel wire with bar markings (*e.g.*, mill mark, size, or grade) and which has been subjected to an elongation test.
- The subject merchandise includes rebar that has been further processed in the subject country or a third country, including but not limited to cutting, grinding, galvanizing, painting, coating, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the rebar.
- Specifically excluded are plain rounds (*i.e.*, nondeformed or smooth rebar). Also excluded from the scope is deformed steel wire meeting ASTM A1064/A1064M with no bar markings (*e.g.*, mill mark, size, or grade) and without being subject to an elongation test.
- The subject merchandise is classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) primarily under item numbers 7213.10.0000, 7214.20.0000, and 7228.30.8010. The subject merchandise may also enter under other HTSUS numbers including 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7221.00.0017, 7221.00.0018, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057,

7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0001, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6030, 7227.90.6035, 7227.90.6040, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000.

- HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.
- In 2016, imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Taiwan were valued at an estimated \$53 million.

**NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about September 5, 2017.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative final determination that imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar 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 MARGINS:**

	<b>EXPORTER/PRODUCER</b>	<b>DUMPING RATES</b>
<b>Tawain</b>	<b>Power Steel Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>3.50%</b>
	<b>Lo-Toun Steel and Iron Works Co. Ltd.</b>	<b>32.01%</b>
	<b>All Others</b>	<b>3.50%</b>

## CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	September 20, 2016
DOC Initiation Date	October 11, 2016
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 4, 2016
DOC Preliminary Determination	February 28, 2017
DOC Final Determination	July 21, 2017
ITC Final Determination	September 5, 2017
Issuance of Order*	September 12, 2017

**NOTE:** Commerce's 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 Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

\*This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from the ITC.

## IMPORT STATISTICS:

TAIWAN	2014	2015	2016
Volume (metric tons)	5,935	36,900	115,645
Value (USD)	3,465,576	17,571,124	53,022,039

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas (HTSUS 7213.10.0000, 7214.20.0000, and 7228.30.8010). Imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar may also enter under HTSUS 7215.90.1000, 7215.90.5000, 7221.00.0017, 7221.00.0018, 7221.00.0030, 7221.00.0045, 7222.11.0001, 7222.11.0057, 7222.11.0059, 7222.30.0001, 7227.20.0080, 7227.90.6030, 7227.90.6035, 7227.90.6040, 7228.20.1000, and 7228.60.6000. These HTSUS subheadings are basket categories that may cover a significant amount of non-subject merchandise and therefore have been excluded for purposes of reporting import statistics above.