



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China and the United Arab Emirates

- On January 16, the Department of Commerce announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of imports of steel nails from the People's Republic of China (China) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that producers/exporters of steel nails from China and the UAE have sold steel nails in the United States at 20.77 to 118.04 percent and 4.47 percent less than fair value, respectively. As a result of these preliminary determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Mid Continent Nail Corporation (MO); Davis Wire Corporation (CA); Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation (Atlas Steel & Wire Division) (FL); Maze Nails (Division of W.H. Maze Company) (IL); Treasure Coast Fasteners, Inc. (FL); and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (PA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is certain steel nails, having a shaft length of up to 12 inches. Nails that are subject to these investigations have a variety of finishes, heads, shanks, points, and sizes.
- Steel nails are classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under the HTSUS subheadings: 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65, and 7317.00.75. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- These investigations exclude roofing nails of any length or diameter, either collated or in bulk, and whether or not galvanized. Also excluded are corrugated nails; thumbtacks, currently classified under HTSUS 7317.00.10; fasteners suited for powder-actuated hand tools, not threaded and threaded, which are classified under HTSUS subheadings 7317.00.20 and 7317.00.30; and certain brads and finish nails.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of certain steel nails from China increased 79 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$452 million in 2006. Imports from the UAE increased 12 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$70 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to issue its final determinations in these investigations in June 2008.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

| COUNTRY | EXPORTER | PRODUCER | MARGIN |
|-------------------|--|--|--------|
| CHINA | Paslode Fasteners (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. | Paslode Fasteners (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. | 20.77% |
| | Xingya Group: Suzhou Xingya Nail Co., Ltd. Senco-Xingya Metal Products (Taicang) Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Yu Xi Co., Ltd. | Suzhou Xingya Nail Co., Ltd. | 44.57% |
| | | Senco-Xingya Metal Products (Taicang) Co., Ltd. | |
| | | Wuxi Chengye Metal Products Co., Ltd. | |
| | Separate-Rate Respondents (See Attached Chart) | | 29.36% |
| China-Wide Entity | | 118.04% | |
| UAE | Dubai Wire FZE/Global Fasteners Ltd. | | 4.47% |
| | All Others | | 4.47% |

Case Calendar:

| EVENT | DATE |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Petition Filed | May 29, 2007 |
| DOC Initiation Date | July 9, 2007 |
| ITC Preliminary Determination | July 30, 2007 |
| DOC Preliminary Determination | January 15, 2008 |
| DOC Final Determination | June 5, 2008 (est.) |
| ITC Final Determination* | July 21, 2008 (est.) |
| Issuance of Order** | July 28, 2008 (est.) |

* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination by Commerce.

** This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both Commerce and the ITC.

Import Statistics:

| COUNTRY | | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| China | Value (\$US) | 264,561,048 | 379,485,025 | 452,219,379 |
| | Volume (kg) | 346,176,016 | 494,151,472 | 619,231,412 |
| UAE | Value (\$US) | 69,187,673 | 70,601,490 | 70,308,326 |
| | Volume (kg) | 67,123,895 | 74,050,986 | 75,401,311 |

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65, and 7317.00.75)