



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Unfair Dumping of Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey

- On January 24, the Department of Commerce announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube (rectangular pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China), Korea, Mexico, and Turkey. Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese, Korean, Mexican and Turkish producers/exporters have sold rectangular pipe in the United States at 223.52 to 264.64 percent, 1.30 (*de minimis*) to 30.66 percent, 0.00 to 4.96 percent, and 27.04 to 41.71 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, except when *de minimis*, no cash deposit or bond will be required.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. (IL); Atlas Tube (MI); Bull Moose Tube Company (MO); California Steel and Tube (CA); EXLTUBE (MO); Hannibal Industries (CA); Leavitt Tube Company LLC (IL); Maruichi American Corp. (CA); Searing Industries (CA); Southland Tube (AL); Vest, Inc. (CA); Welded Tube (Canada); and Western Tube and Conduit (CA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is certain welded carbon quality light-walled steel pipe and tube, of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a wall thickness of less than 4mm. Carbon quality steel includes both carbon steel and alloy steel which contains only small amounts of alloying elements. Rectangular pipe can be used for fencing, window guards, and railing for the construction industry. It is not used for conveyance of liquid or gas.
- Rectangular pipe is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the subheadings 7306.61.50.00 and 7306.61.70.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of rectangular pipe from China increased nearly 840 percent by volume, and were valued at an estimated \$44 million in 2006; imports from Korea increased almost 14 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$18 million in 2006; imports from Mexico increased more than 9 percent by volume, and were valued at an estimated \$110 million in 2006; and imports from Turkey increased more than 362 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$33 million in 2006.

### NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to make its final determinations in the Mexico and Turkey cases on or about April 7, and in the China and Korea cases on or about June 6.

**Preliminary Dumping Margins:**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>EXPORTER</b>	<b>MARGIN</b>
<b>CHINA</b>	<b>Kunshan Lets Win Steel Machinery Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>223.52%</b>
	<b>Zhangjiagang Zhongyuan Pipe-Making Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>264.64%</b>
	<b>Wuxi Baishun Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>247.75%</b>
	<b>Guangdong Walsall Steel Pipe Industrial Co, Ltd.</b>	<b>247.75%</b>
	<b>Wuxi Worldunion Trading Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>247.75%</b>
	<b>Weifang East Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>247.75%</b>
	<b>Jiangyin Jianye Metal Products Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>247.75%</b>
	<b>China-Wide Entity</b>	<b>264.64%</b>
<b>KOREA</b>	<b>Nexteel Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>1.30% (<i>de minimis</i>)</b>
	<b>Kukje Steel Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>30.66%</b>
	<b>All Others</b>	<b>15.98%</b>
<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>Maquilacero S.A. de C.V.</b>	<b>4.96%</b>
	<b>Productos Laminados S.A. de C.V. (PROLAMSA)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<b>All Others</b>	<b>4.96%</b>
<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>Guvan Boru Profil Sanayii ve Ticaret Ltd Sikreti</b>	<b>41.71%</b>
	<b>Onur Boru Profil Uretim San. ve Ticaret A.S.</b>	<b>41.71%</b>
	<b>All Others</b>	<b>27.04%</b>

## Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	June 27, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 17, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 13, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations	January 23, 2008
DOC Final Determinations	April 7, 2008 (Mexico, Turkey)* June 6, 2008 (China, Korea)
ITC Final Determination**	May 22, 2008 (Mexico, Turkey)* July 21, 2008 (China, Korea)
Issuance of Orders***	May 29, 2008 (Mexico, Turkey) July 28, 2008 (China, Korea)

\* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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## Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	8,037,121	37,014,106	75,532,234
Value (\$US)	5,161,114	25,054,036	44,105,142
<b>KOREA</b>			
	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	24,847,117	20,623,190	28,274,863
Value (\$US)	14,958,676	14,218,764	18,108,685
<b>MEXICO</b>			
	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	120,084,110	141,759,527	131,473,783
Value (\$US)	93,948,673	117,748,069	109,887,477
<b>TURKEY</b>			
	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	10,978,885	27,684,592	50,759,175
Value (\$US)	8,753,405	21,599,133	33,411,527

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7306.60.50.00 and 7306.61.50.00)