



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China

- On February 20, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on imports of circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe (CWASPP) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Bristol Metals, L.P. (TN), Felker Brothers Corporation (WI), Marcegaglia USA, Inc. (PA), Outokumpu Stainless Pipe, Inc. (IL), and the United Steelworkers of America (PA), are the petitioners for these investigations.
- The merchandise covered by each of these investigations is CWASPP not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications. CWASPP is a commodity product generally used as a conduit for liquids or gasses.
- CWASPP is classifiable under subheadings 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). It may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- Excluded from the scope are: (1) welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A-554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A-249, ASTM A-688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A-269, ASTM A-270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about March 17, 2008.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in April 2008, and its preliminary AD determination in July 2008.

Alleged Dumping Margin Range/Subsidy Rate:

	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	8.36 – 12.70%	Above <i>de minimis</i>*

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries; less than 2% for developing countries.

Case Calendar:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	January 30, 2008	January 30, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	February 19, 2008	February 19, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 17, 2008	March 17, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	July 8, 2008	April 24, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	September 22, 2008	July 8, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	November 5, 2008	August 22, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	November 12, 2008	August 28, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kilograms)	12,693,855	21,062,867	27,521,135
Value (\$US)	43,768,040	73,840,139	147,897,652

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, 7306.40.5085)