



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigation of Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China

- On March 26, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate an antidumping duty investigation of imports of steel threaded rod 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.
- Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (AL) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes steel threaded rod, which is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon quality steel, having a solid, circular cross section, of any diameter, in any straight length, that have been forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled, machine straightened, or otherwise cold-finished, and into which threaded grooves have been applied. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to this investigation are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total length. A variety of finishes or coatings may be applied to the merchandise.
- Steel threaded rod is classifiable under subheading 7318.15.5060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.
- Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (a) 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 length; and (b) threaded rod, bar, or studs made to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A193 Grade B7, ASTM A193 Grade B7M, ASTM A193 Grade B16, or ASTM A320 Grade L7.
- From 2005 to 2007, imports of steel threaded rod from China increased 9.8 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$72.3 million in 2007.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about April 21.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports steel threaded rod from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its

preliminary determination in August 2008. If the ITC makes a negative preliminary injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
CHINA	36.17% - 659.26%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	March 5, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	March 25, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determinations	April 21, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	August 12, 2008
DOC Final Determinations*	October 27, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	December 11, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	December 18, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kgs)	44,502,956	67,935,291	74,565,672
Value (\$US)	40,165,078	62,601,992	72,276,613

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7318.15.5060)