



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe from the People's Republic of China

- On March 24, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation on imports of circular welded carbon quality steel line pipe (welded line pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China). Welded line pipe is used for the transmission of gas or oil, generally in pipeline systems.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold welded line pipe in the United States at 73.87 to 101.10 percent less than normal value.
- Chinese mandatory respondent, Huludao Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd., received a final dumping rate of 73.87 percent. Three Chinese exporters received a separate rate of 73.87 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters of welded line pipe received the China-wide rate of 101.10 percent, including Chinese mandatory respondent, Shanghai Metals & Minerals Import & Export Corp., as this company withdrew from the investigation.
- As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- The petitioners for this investigation are Maverick Tube Corporation (TX), United States Steel Corporation (PA), Tex-Tube Company (TX), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC (PA).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is certain welded line pipe of a kind used for oil and gas pipelines, not more than 406.4 mm (16 inches) in outside diameter, regardless of wall thickness, length, surface finish, end finish or stenciling.
- Welded line pipe is classifiable under subheadings 7306.19.10.10, 7306.19.10.50, 7306.19.51.10, and 7306.19.51.50 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 governs the scope of this investigation.
- In 2008, imports of welded line pipe from China were valued at an estimated \$91 million.

#### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to issue its final injury determination on or about May 7.

- If the ITC makes an affirmative final injury determination that imports of welded line pipe from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order.

#### FINAL DUMPING RATES:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN
CHINA	Huludao Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd./ Huludao City Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd.	73.87%
	China Wide Entity*	101.10%

\* Including Shanghai Metals & Minerals Import & Export Corp. d/b/a Shanghai Minmetals Materials & Products Corp. and Benxi Northern Pipes Co., Ltd.

#### SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS

EXPORTER	PRODUCER	MARGIN
Pangang Group Beihai Steel Pipe Corporation		73.87%
Jiangsu Yulong Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.		73.87%
Tianjin Xingyuda Import and Export Co., Ltd.	Tianjin Lifengyuanda Steel Pipe Group Co., Ltd.	73.87%

#### CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	April 3, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	April 23, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 19, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 30, 2008
DOC Final Determination	March 23, 2009
ITC Final Determination	May 7, 2009
Issuance of Order*	May 14, 2009

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

#### IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (kg)	204,527,874	256,073,396	115,677,329
Value (\$US)	124,696,532	165,463,864	91,200,570

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7306.19.10.10; 7306.19.10.50; 7306.19.51.10; 7306.19.51.50, effective February 3, 2007, and HTSUS 7306.10.10.10; 7306.10.10.50; 7306.10.50.10; 7306.10.50.50, prior to February 3, 2007)