



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations on Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China

- On June 28, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of circular welded carbon quality steel pipe from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Allied Tube & Conduit (IL); IPSCO Tubulars, Inc. (KY); Northwest Pipe Company (OR); Sharon Tube Company (PA); Western Tube & Conduit Corporation (CA); Wheatland Tube Company (NJ); and the United Steelworkers (PA) are the petitioners for these investigations.
- The merchandise covered by these investigations includes certain circular welded carbon quality steel pipes and tubes with an outside diameter of 0.372 inches or more, but not more than 16 inches, generally known as standard pipe and structural pipe.
- Circular welded carbon quality steel pipe is classifiable under subheadings 7306.30.10.00, 7306.30.50.25, 7306.30.50.32, 7306.30.50.40, 7306.30.50.55, 7306.30.50.85, and 7306.30.50.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about July 23, 2007.
- 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 countervailing duty determination in August 2007, and its preliminary antidumping duty determination in November 2007.

Alleged Dumping Margin Range/Subsidy Rate:

	MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	51.34 - 85.55%	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	June 7, 2007	June 7, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	June 27, 2007	June 27, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 23, 2007	July 23, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	November 14, 2007	August 31, 2007
DOC Final Determinations*	January 28, 2008	November 14, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	March 13, 2008	December 31, 2007
Issuance of Orders***	March 20, 2008	January 7, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kilograms)	242,644,995	337,659,059	589,420,196
Value (\$US)	138,436,653	213,817,300	331,853,213

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 7306.30.10.00, 7306.30.50.25, 7306.30.50.32, 7306.30.50.40, 7306.30.50.55, 7306.30.50.85, and 7306.30.50.90)