



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China and the United Arab Emirates

- On July 10, the Department of Commerce announced its decision to initiate antidumping duty investigations of imports of steel nails from the People's Republic of China (China) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The petitioners for these investigations are Mid Continent Nail Corporation (MO); Davis Wire Corporation (CA); Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation (Atlas Steel & Wire Division) (FL); Maze Nails (Division of W.H. Maze Company) (IL); Treasure Coast Fasteners, Inc. (FL); and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (PA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is certain steel nails, having a shaft length of up to 12 inches. Certain steel nails are produced from various grades of steel and principally used to fasten two pieces of material, such as wood or other solid building material. Nails that are subject to these investigations have a variety of finishes, heads, shanks, points, and sizes.
- Steel nails are classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS) under the HTSUS subheadings: 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65, and 7317.00.75. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- These investigations exclude roofing nails of any length or diameter, either collated or in bulk, and whether or not galvanized. Also excluded are steel nails suited for powder-actuated hand tools, not threaded and threaded, which are classified under HTSUS subheadings 7317.00.20 and 7317.00.30.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of certain steel nails from China increased 79 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$452 million in 2006. Imports from the UAE increased 12 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$70 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about July 30.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China or the UAE are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigation(s) will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in November 2007.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGINS
China	55.19% to 118.04%
UAE	70.77% to 71.50%

Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	May 29, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 9, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 30, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determination*	November 26, 2007
DOC Final Determination*	February 11, 2008
ITC Final Determination**	March 27, 2008
Issuance of Order***	April 3, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute, and will take place only in the event of a preliminary affirmative determination by the ITC.

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

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Import Statistics:

COUNTRY		2004	2005	2006
China	Value (\$US)	264,561,048	379,485,025	452,219,379
	Volume (kg)	346,176,016	494,151,472	619,231,412
UAE	Value (\$US)	69,187,673	70,601,490	70,308,326
	Volume (kg)	67,123,895	74,050,986	75,401,311

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTS 7317.00.55, 7317.00.65, and 7317.00.75)