



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations on Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from the People's Republic of China (AD/CVD), Korea (AD), Mexico (AD), and Turkey (AD)

- On July 18, the Department of Commerce announced its decisions to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube (rectangular pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China), as well as antidumping investigations of imports of rectangular pipe from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. (IL); Atlas Tube (MI); Bull Moose Tube Company (MO); California Steel and Tube (CA); EXLTUBE (MO); Hannibal Industries (CA); Leavitt Tube Company LLC (IL); Maruichi American Corp. (CA); Searing Industries (CA); Southland Tube (AL); Vest, Inc. (CA); Welded Tube (Canada); and Western Tube and Conduit (CA).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is certain welded carbon quality light-walled steel pipe and tube, of rectangular (including square) cross section, having a wall thickness of less than 4mm. Carbon quality steel includes both carbon steel and alloy steel which contains only small amounts of alloying elements. Rectangular pipe can be used for fencing, window guards, and railing for the construction industry. It is not used for the conveyance of liquid or gas.
- Rectangular pipe is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under the subheadings 7306.61.50.00 and 7306.61.70.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.
- From 2004 to 2006, imports of rectangular pipe from China increased 839.79 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$44.11 million in 2006; imports from Korea increased 13.80 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$18.11 million in 2006; imports from Mexico increased 9.48 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$109.89 million in 2006; and imports from Turkey increased 362.33 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$33.41 million in 2006.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about August 13, 2007.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports 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 September 2007 and its preliminary AD determinations in December 2007.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
China	6.30 - 40.52 %
Korea	11.74 - 30.66 %
Mexico	11.50 %
Turkey	15.28 - 41.71 %

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
China	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 27, 2007	June 27, 2007
DOC Initiation Date	July 17, 2007	July 17, 2007
ITC Preliminary Determination	August 13, 2007	August 13, 2007
DOC Preliminary Determinations*	December 4, 2007	September 20, 2007
DOC Final Determinations*	February 19, 2008	December 4, 2007
ITC Final Determination**	April 4, 2008	January 18, 2008
Issuance of Orders***	April 11, 2008	January 25, 2008

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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Import Statistics:

CHINA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	8,037,121	37,014,106	75,532,234
Value (\$US)	5,161,114	25,054,036	44,105,142
KOREA			
KOREA	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	24,847,117	20,623,190	28,274,863
Value (\$US)	14,958,676	14,218,764	18,108,685
MEXICO			
MEXICO	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	120,084,110	141,759,527	131,473,783
Value (\$US)	93,948,673	117,748,069	109,887,477
TURKEY			
TURKEY	2004	2005	2006
Volume (kg)	10,978,885	27,684,592	50,759,175
Value (\$US)	8,753,405	21,599,133	33,411,527

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7306.60.50.00 and 7306.61.50.00)