



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping on Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China**

- On August 28, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation on imports of circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe (stainless pressure pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China). Stainless pressure pipe is a commodity product generally used as a conduit for liquids or gasses.
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold stainless pressure pipe in the United States at 22.03 percent less than fair value.
- Winner Machinery Enterprise Co., Ltd., the sole participating respondent, received a preliminary rate of 22.03 percent. This is also the preliminary rate for all other Chinese exporters, including Zhejiang Jiuli Hi-Tech Metals Co., Ltd., which received a separate rate.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the preliminary rate.
- The petitioners for this investigation are Bristol Metals, L.P. (TN), Felker Brothers Corporation (WI), Marcegaglia USA, Inc. (PA), Outokumpu Stainless Pipe, Inc. (IL), and the United Steelworkers of America (PA).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation is stainless pressure pipe not greater than 14 inches in outside diameter. This merchandise includes, but is not limited to, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A-312 or ASTM A-778 specifications, or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.
- Stainless pressure pipe is classifiable under subheadings 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, and 7306.40.5085 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). It may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7306.40.1010, 7306.40.1015, 7306.40.5042, 7306.40.5044, 7306.40.5080, and 7306.40.5090. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the scope of this investigation is final and conclusive.
- Excluded from the scope are: (1) welded stainless mechanical tubing, meeting ASTM A-554 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; (2) boiler, heat exchanger, superheater, refining furnace, feedwater heater, and condenser tubing, meeting ASTM A-249, ASTM A-

688 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications; and (3) specialized tubing, meeting ASTM A-269, ASTM A-270 or comparable domestic or foreign specifications.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is scheduled to make its final determination in January 2009.
- If Commerce makes a final determination that Chinese producers/exporters have sold stainless pressure pipe in the U.S. at less than fair value, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes a final affirmative determination that imports from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order.

#### PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATE:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER		MARGIN
Winner Machinery Enterprise Co., Ltd.	Winner Stainless Steel Tube Co. Ltd.	22.03%
Zhejiang Jiuli Hi-Tech Metals Co., Ltd.*	Zhejiang Jiuli Hi-Tech Metals Co., Ltd.	22.03%
China-Wide Rate		22.03%

\*Separate rate respondent

#### CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	January 30, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	February 19, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	March 14, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	August 27, 2008
DOC Final Determination	January 16, 2009
ITC Final Determination*	March 2, 2009
Issuance of Order**	March 9, 2009

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

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#### IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2005	2006	2007
Volume (kilograms)	12,693,855	21,062,867	27,521,135
Value (\$US)	43,768,040	73,840,139	147,897,652

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5062, 7306.40.5064, 7306.40.5085)