



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Certain Steel Wheels from the People's Republic of China

- On October 27, 2011, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping (AD) duty investigation of imports of certain steel wheels (steel wheels) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- For the purposes of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold steel wheels at margins ranging from 110.58 to 193.54 percent *ad valorem*.
- Mandatory respondents Shanghai Yata Industry Company Limited and Zhejiang Jingu Company Limited received a preliminary dumping rate of 141.38 percent and Jining Centurion Wheels Manufacturing Co., Ltd. received a preliminary dumping rate of 110.58 percent.
- Eight additional exporters qualified for a separate rate of 125.98 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters are subject to the China-wide preliminary dumping rate of 193.54 percent.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for this investigation are: Accuride Corporation (IN) and Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. (MI).
- The products covered by this investigation are steel wheels with a wheel diameter of 18 to 24.5 inches. Rims and discs for such wheels are included, whether imported as an assembly or separately. These products are used with both tubed and tubeless tires. Steel wheels, whether or not attached to tires or axles, are included. However, if the steel wheels are imported as an assembly attached to tires or axles, the tire or axle is not covered by the scope. The scope includes steel wheels, discs, and rims of carbon and/or alloy composition and clad wheels, discs, and rims when carbon or alloy steel represents more than fifty percent of the product by weight. The scope includes wheels, rims, and discs, whether coated or uncoated, regardless of the type of coating.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 8708.70.0500, 8708.70.2500, 8708.70.4530, and 8708.70.6030. Imports of the subject merchandise may also enter under the following categories of the HTSUS: 8406.90.4580, 8406.90.7500, 8420.99.9000, 8422.90.1100, 8422.90.2100, 8422.90.9120, 8422.90.9130, 8422.90.9160, 8422.90.9195, 8431.10.0010, 8431.10.0090, 8431.20.0000, 8431.31.0020, 8431.31.0040, 8431.31.0060, 8431.39.0010, 8431.39.0050, 8431.39.0070, 8431.39.0080, 8431.43.8060, 8431.49.1010, 8431.49.1060, 8431.49.1090, 8431.49.9030, 8431.49.9040, 8431.49.9085, 8432.90.0005, 8432.90.0015, 8432.90.0030, 8432.90.0080, 8433.90.1000, 8433.90.5020, 8433.90.5040, 8436.99.0020, 8436.99.0090,

8479.90.9440, 8479.90.9450, 8479.90.9496, 8487.90.0080, 8607.19.1200, 8607.19.1500, 8708.70.1500, 8708.70.3500, 8708.70.4560, 8708.70.6060, 8709.90.0000, 8710.00.0090, 8714.19.0030, 8714.19.0060, 8716.90.1000, 8716.90.5030, 8716.90.5060, 8803.20.0015, 8803.20.0030, and 8803.20.0060. These HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

- In 2010, imports of steel wheels were valued at an estimated \$80.4 million. However, the steel wheels subject to this investigation are classified within HTSUS basket categories that contain products beyond the scope of the investigation.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in March 2012.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes an affirmative final determination that imports of steel wheels from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. The ITC is scheduled to make its final injury determination on or about April 23, 2012.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGIN*
Zhejiang Jingu Company Limited / Zhejiang Jingu Company Limited	141.38%
Shanghai Yata Industry Company Limited / Zhejiang Jingu Company Limited	141.38%
Jining Centurion Wheels Manufacturing Co., Ltd. / Jining Centurion Wheels Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	110.58%
Separate Rate Companies (See Attached List)	125.98%
China-wide	193.54%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petition Filed	March 30, 2011
DOC Initiation Date	April 19, 2011
ITC Preliminary Determination	May 16, 2011
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 26, 2011
DOC Final Determination*	March 9, 2012
ITC Final Determination**	April 23, 2012
Issuance of Order***	April 30, 2012

*This deadline has been extended under the governing statute and is an estimate depending on the exact date of publication of the preliminary results in the [Federal Register](#).

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2008	2009	2010
Volume (units)	3,100,000	1,941,000	2,755,000
Value (US\$)	109,517,000	60,892,000	80,440,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 8708.70.0500, 8708.70.2500, 8708.70.4530, and 8708.70.6030). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.

Attachment

Separate Rate Companies

Shandong Land Star Import & Export Co., Ltd

Shandong Jining Wheel Factory

Wuxi Superior Wheel Co., Ltd.

Shandong Xingmin Wheel Co. Ltd.

Xiamen Sunrise Wheel Group Co., Ltd.

Jiaxing Stone Wheel Co., Ltd.

Xiamen Topu Import & Export Co., Ltd.

China Dongfeng Motor Industry Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd.