



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations of Aluminum Extrusions from the People's Republic of China

- On April 21, 2010, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) is scheduled to announce its decision whether to initiate AD and CVD investigations on imports of aluminum extrusions from the People's Republic of China.
- For the purposes of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. For the purposes of CVD investigations, subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are: The United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (PA) and the Aluminum Extrusions Fair Trade Committee (Representing member companies from OH, MN, FL, GA, CA, UT, MD, IL, and TX).
- The merchandise covered by these investigations is certain aluminum extrusions which are shapes and forms produced via an extrusion process of aluminum alloys. The major alloying elements in the subject merchandise are manganese, magnesium, and silicon. These products are generally used in construction applications and are incorporated into window and door frames and sills, gutters, and solar power frames. They serve as parts for cars, trucks and both structural and decorative elements on boats. They also serve as furniture parts and in a variety of other consumer and industrial goods.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS"): 7604.21.0000, 7604.29.1000, 7604.29.3010, 7604.29.3050, 7604.29.5030, 7604.29.5060, 7608.20.0030, and 7608.20.0090. The subject merchandise entered as parts of other aluminum products may be classifiable under the following additional Chapter 76 subheadings: 7610.10, 7610.90, 7615.19, 7615.20, and 7616.99 as well as under other HTS chapters. While HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope in this proceeding is dispositive.
- From 2007 to 2009, imports of aluminum extrusions from China increased 90 percent by volume. In 2009 imports of aluminum extrusions were valued at an estimated \$514 million.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about May 17, 2010.

- 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 CVD preliminary determination in June 2010 and its AD preliminary determination in September 2010.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
CHINA	32.57% – 33.32%

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	CVD INVESTIGATION	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	March 31, 2010	March 31, 2010
DOC Initiation Date	April 20, 2010	April 20, 2010
ITC Preliminary Determination*	May 17, 2010	May 17, 2010
DOC Preliminary Determinations**	June 24, 2010	September 7, 2010
DOC Final Determinations**	September 7, 2010	November 21, 2010
ITC Final Determination***	October 22, 2010	January 5, 2011
Issuance of Orders****	October 29, 2010	January 12, 2011

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

**These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2007	2008	2009
Volume (in metric tons)	101,000	81,000	192,000
Value (US\$1,000)	369,197	306,824	513,558

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7604.21.0000, 7604.29.1000, 7604.29.3010, 7604.29.3050, 7604.29.5030, 7604.29.5060, 7608.20.0030, 7608.20.0090). The subject merchandise entered as parts of other aluminum products may also be classifiable under the following additional Chapter 76 subheadings: 7610.10, 7610.90, 7615.19, 7615.20, and 7616.99, as well as under other HTS chapters. These other HTSUS subheadings may include significant amounts of non-subject merchandise. Therefore, they have not been used for purposes of reporting import statistics.