



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Wire Decking from the People's Republic of China

- On January 5, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of wire decking 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 wire decking in the United States at 42.61 to 289.00 percent less than normal value.
- Mandatory respondents, Dalian Huameilong Metal Products Co., Ltd. ("DHMP") and Dalian Eastfound Metal Products Co., Ltd. ("Eastfound Metal") and its affiliate Dalian Eastfound Material Handling Products Co., Ltd. ("Eastfound Material") (collectively, "Eastfound"), received preliminary dumping rates of 50.95 and 42.61 percent, respectively.
- In this investigation, three other companies have qualified for a separate rate of 46.78 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters will receive a preliminary dumping rate of 289.00 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 AWP Industries, Inc. (KY), ITC Manufacturing, Inc. (AZ), J&L Wire Cloth, Inc. (MN), Nashville Wire Products Mfg. Co., Inc. (TN), and Wireway Husky Corporation (NC).
- The product covered by this investigation is welded-wire rack decking produced from carbon or alloy steel wire that has been welded into a mesh pattern. The wire mesh is reinforced with structural supports and designed to be load bearing. Wire decking reinforced with structural supports is designed generally for industrial and other commercial storage rack systems.
- The product covered by this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item number: 9403.90.8040. Wire Decking may also be entered under HTSUS 7217.10, 7217.20, 7217.90, 9403.20.0020, and 9403.20.0030. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of this investigation.
- From 2006 to 2008, imports of wire decking from China increased 49 percent by value and amounted to an estimated \$317 million in 2008. This HTSUS subheading, however, is a basket category covering not only subject merchandise, but also other metal furniture parts.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination in May 2010.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination that imports of wire decking from China materially injures, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	MARGIN
Dalian Huameilong Metal Products Co., Ltd. (“DHMP”)	50.95%
Dalian Eastfound Metal Products Co., Ltd. (“Eastfound Metal”) and its affiliate Dalian Eastfound Material Handling Products Co., Ltd. (“Eastfound Material”) (collectively, “Eastfound”)	42.61%
SEPARATE COMPANIES	
Dandong Riqian Logistics Equipment Co. Ltd. (“Riqian”)	46.78%
Globsea Co., Ltd. (“Globsea”)	46.78%
Ningbo Xinguang Rack Co., Ltd. (“Ningbo Xinguang”)	46.78%
CHINA-WIDE	289.00%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	June 5, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	June 25, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	September 11, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	January 4, 2010
DOC Final Determination*	May 19, 2010
ITC Final Determination**	July 6, 2010
Issuance of Order***	July 13, 2010

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Value (USD)	\$212,874,998	\$258,107,913	\$317,055,951

Source: ITC Dataweb (HTSUS 9403.90.8040). This HTSUS subheading is a basket category, covering not only subject merchandise, but also other metal furniture parts). ITC Dataweb does not collect volume data for this HTSUS subheading.