



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Imports of Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from India, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates

- On May 24, 2012, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe (certain steel pipe) from India, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), the Sultanate of Oman (Oman) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- 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 producers/exporters from India, Vietnam, Oman, and the UAE sold certain steel pipe in the United States at dumping margins, or margin ranges, of 48.43 percent, 0.00 percent to 27.96 percent, 5.59 percent, and 3.29 percent to 11.71 percent, respectively.
- In the India investigation, the mandatory respondent Zenith Birla (India) Limited (previously known as Zenith Steel Pipes and Industries Ltd.) received a preliminary dumping margin of 48.43 percent. There is an existing AD order on certain steel pipe from India. Therefore, this investigation covers only merchandise manufactured and/or exported by Zenith Birla (India) Limited (previously known as Zenith Steel Pipes and Industries Ltd.), which is excluded from the 1986 order.
- In the Vietnam investigation, mandatory respondents SeAH Steel VINA Corporation and Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufactory Co., Ltd. each received preliminary dumping margins of 0.00 percent. Three other exporters received a separate rate of 9.32 percent. All other Vietnamese producers/exporters received a preliminary dumping margin of 27.96 percent.
- In the Oman investigation, the mandatory respondent Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. SAOG received a preliminary dumping margin of 5.59 percent. All other Omani producers/exporters received a preliminary dumping margin of 5.59 percent.
- In the UAE investigation, mandatory respondents Universal Tube and Plastic Industries, Ltd. and Abu Dhabi Metal Pipes & Profiles Industries Complex LLC received preliminary dumping margins of 3.29 percent and 11.71 percent, respectively. All other UAE producers/exporters received a preliminary dumping margin of 3.29 percent.
- As a result of the preliminary affirmative determinations, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates, except for certain steel pipe produced and exported by SeAH Steel VINA Corporation and Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufactory Co., Ltd. Since their rate is 0.00 percent, no cash deposit or bond will be required for their imports.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Allied Tube and Conduit (IL), JMC Steel Group (IL), Wheatland Tube (PA), and United States Steel Corporation (PA).

- The merchandise covered by these investigations is welded carbon-quality steel pipes and tube, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter not more than 16 inches, regardless of wall thickness or surface finish, or industry specification. The petitions indicate subject pipe is generally known as standard pipe, fence pipe and tube, sprinkler pipe, and structural pipe (although the subject product may also be referred to as mechanical tubing if it is made to standard sizes for subject standard pipe; *see below*).
- The scope of these investigations does not include: (a) boiler tubing; (b) finished electrical conduit; (c) finished scaffolding; (d) tube and pipe hollows for redrawing; (e) oil country tubular goods produced to API specifications; (f) line pipe produced to only API specifications; and (g) certain mechanical tubing.
- The pipe subject to these investigations is currently classifiable in Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) statistical reporting numbers 7306.19.1010, 7306.19.1050, 7306.19.5110, 7306.19.5150, 7306.30.1000, 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, 7306.30.5055, 7306.30.5085, 7306.30.5090, 7306.50.1000, 7306.50.5050, and 7306.50.5070. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.
- In 2011, imports of certain steel pipe from India, Vietnam, Oman, and the UAE were valued at an estimated \$64.6 million, \$50.1 million, \$28.1 million and \$53.9 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to make its final determination for India in early August 2012 and its final determinations for Oman, UAE and Vietnam in early October 2012.
- If Commerce makes affirmative final determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) makes affirmative final determinations that imports of certain steel pipe from India, Vietnam, Oman, and/or the UAE materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue AD orders. The ITC will make its final injury determination in the India investigation on or before September 20, 2012 and the Oman, UAE and Vietnam determinations on or before November 29, 2012.

Preliminary Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	DUMPING MARGINS
INDIA	Zenith Birla (India) Limited (previously known as Zenith Steel Pipes and Industries Ltd.)	48.43%
	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	
Vietnam	SeAH Steel VINA Corporation	0.00%
	Vietnam Haiphong Hongyuan Machinery Manufactory Co., Ltd.	0.00%
	Separate Rate Companies (Sun Steel Joint Stock Company, Huu Lien Asia Corporation, and Hoa Phat Steel Pipe Co.)	9.32%
	Vietnam-Wide Rate	27.96 %
	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	
Oman	Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. SAOG	5.59%
	All Others	5.59%
	EXPORTER/PRODUCER	
UAE	Universal Tube and Plastic Industries, Ltd.	3.29%
	Abu Dhabi Metal Pipes & Profiles Industries Complex LLC	11.71%
	All Others	3.29%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	INDIA AD INVESTIGATION	OMAN, UAE, VIETNAM AD INVESTIGATIONS
Petitions Filed	October 26, 2011	October 26, 2011
DOC Initiation Date	November 15, 2011	November 15, 2011
ITC Preliminary Determination	December 12, 2011	December 12, 2011
DOC Preliminary Determinations	May 23, 2012	May 23, 2012
DOC Final Determinations	August 6, 2012	October 15, 2012*
ITC Final Determination**	September 20, 2012	November 29, 2012
Issuance of Orders***	September 27, 2012	December 6, 2012

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by the statute. For AD investigations, the deadline is set forth in section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

*Commerce's final determinations for the Oman, UAE and Vietnam investigations have been fully extended.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

India	2009	2010	2011
Volume (in metric tons)	60,000	74,000	65,000
Value (USD)	57,949,000	64,872,000	64,572,000
Oman	2009	2010	2011
Volume (in metric tons)	17,000	31,000	32,000
Value (USD)	14,148,000	24,199,000	28,082,000
UAE	2009	2010	2011
Volume (in metric tons)	16,000	32,000	60,000
Value (USD)	13,561,000	26,273,000	53,929,000
Vietnam	2009	2010	2011
Volume (in metric tons)	20,000	32,000	55,000
Value (USD)	16,250,000	27,496,000	50,117,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7306.19.1010, 7306.19.1050, 7306.19.5110, 7306.19.5150, 7306.30.1000, 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, 7306.30.5055, 7306.30.5085, 7306.30.5090, 7306.50.1000, 7306.50.5050, and 7306.50.5070). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.