



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China

- On April 22, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation on imports of Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (seamless pipe) 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 seamless pipe in the United States between 32.39 and 98.37 percent.
- Mandatory respondents Tianjin Pipe International Economic and Trading Corporation (TPCO), and Hengyang Steel Tube Group Int'l Trading Inc., Hengyang Valin Steel Tube Co., Ltd., Hengyang Valin MPM Tube Co., Ltd. (collectively "Hengyang") received preliminary dumping rates of 32.39 and 91.93 percent, respectively. TPCO received partial AFA for failing to provide requested information in a timely manner for use in this preliminary determination.
- In this investigation, five companies qualified for a separate rate of 62.16 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters will receive a preliminary China-wide rate of 98.37 percent.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- Additionally, Commerce preliminarily determined that critical circumstances exist for one of the mandatory respondents, Hengyang, and the China-wide entity.
- Accordingly, for all producers/exporters of seamless pipe from China except for Hengyang and the China-wide entity we are directing CBP to suspend liquidation of all entries of seamless pipe entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the preliminary determination notice in the Federal Register. For Hengyang and the PRC-wide entity, we are directing CBP to apply the suspension of liquidation to entries entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date 90 days prior to the date of publication of the preliminary determination notice in the Federal Register.
- The petitioners for this investigation are the United States Steel Corporation (PA), V&M Star LP (TX), TMK IPSCO (IL), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (PA).
- The scope of this investigation consists of certain seamless carbon and alloy steel (other than stainless steel) pipes and redraw hollows, less than or equal to 16 inches (406.4 mm) in outside diameter, regardless of wall-thickness, manufacturing process (e.g., hot-finished or cold-

drawn), end finish (e.g., plain end, beveled end, upset end, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or surface finish (e.g., bare, lacquered or coated). Redraw hollows are any unfinished carbon or alloy steel (other than stainless steel) pipe or "hollow profiles" suitable for cold finishing operations, such as cold drawing, to meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or American Petroleum Institute (API) specifications referenced below, or comparable specifications. Specifically included within the scope are seamless carbon and alloy steel (other than stainless steel) standard, line, and pressure pipes produced to the ASTM A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, ASTM A-1024, and the API 5L specifications, or comparable specifications, and meeting the physical parameters described above, regardless of application, with the exception of the exclusion discussed below.

- Specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation are unattached couplings.
- The merchandise covered by the investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.19.1020, 7304.19.1030, 7304.19.1045, 7304.19.1060, 7304.19.5020, 7304.19.5050, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.39.0062, 7304.39.0068, 7304.39.0072, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.6000, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, 7304.59.8055, 7304.59.8060, 7304.59.8065, and 7304.59.8070. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the merchandise subject to this scope is dispositive.
- Imports of seamless pipe from China were valued at an estimated \$182.3 million in 2009.

NEXT STEPS

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

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

EXPORTER / PRODUCER	DUMPING RATE
Tianjin Pipe International Economic and Trading Corporation / Tianjin Pipe (Group) Corporation	32.39%
Hengyang Steel Tube Group Int'l Trading, Inc. / Hengyang Valin Steel Tube Co., Ltd., and Hengyang Valin MPM Tube Co., Ltd.	91.93%
SEPARATE RATE COMPANIES	
Xigang Seamless Steel Tube Co., Ltd. / Xigang Seamless Steel Tube Co., Ltd. and Wuxi Seamless Special Pipe Co., Ltd.	62.16%
Jiangyin City Changjiang Steel Pipe Co., Ltd. / Jiangyin City Changjiang Steel Pipe Co., Ltd.	62.16%
Pangang Group Chengdu Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. / Pangang Group Chengdu Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	62.16%
Yangzhou Lontrin Steel Tube Co., Ltd. / Yangzhou Lontrin Steel Tube Co., Ltd.	62.16%
Yangzhou Chengde Steel Tube Co., Ltd. / Yangzhou Chengde Steel Tube Co., Ltd.	62.16%
China-Wide	98.37%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DEADLINE
Petition Filed	September 16, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	October 6, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	November 2, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	April 21, 2010
DOC Final Determination	September 3, 2010
ITC Final Determination*	October 18, 2010
Issuance of Order**	October 25, 2010

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

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2007	2008	2009
Volume (net tons)	213,000	403,000	147,000
Value (US\$)	193,707,000	487,183,000	182,271,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7304.19.1020, 7304.19.1030, 7304.19.1045, 7304.19.1060, 7304.19.5020, 7304.19.5050, 7304.31.6050, 7304.39.0016, 7304.39.0020, 7304.39.0024, 7304.39.0028, 7304.39.0032, 7304.39.0036, 7304.39.0040, 7304.39.0044, 7304.39.0048, 7304.39.0052, 7304.39.0056, 7304.39.0062, 7304.39.0068, 7304.39.0072, 7304.51.5005, 7304.51.5060, 7304.59.6000, 7304.59.8010, 7304.59.8015, 7304.59.8020, 7304.59.8025, 7304.59.8030, 7304.59.8035, 7304.59.8040, 7304.59.8045, 7304.59.8050, 7304.59.8055, 7304.59.8060, 7304.59.8065, and 7304.59.8070). HTSUS subheadings 7304.10.1020, 7304.10.1030, 7304.1045, 7304.10.1060, 7304.10.5020, and 7304.10.5050 were in effect for subject merchandise for 2006 and are no longer used for subject merchandise. Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.