



## FACT SHEET

### **Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico and the People's Republic of China**

- On October 21, 2009, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping investigations on imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube from Mexico and the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Cerro Flow Products, Inc. (MO); Kobe Wieland Copper Products, LLC (NC); Mueller Copper Tube Products, Inc. (TN); and Mueller Copper Tube Company, Inc. (TN).
- The products covered by these investigations are all seamless circular refined copper pipes and tubes, including redraw hollows, greater than or equal to 6 inches (152.4 mm) in length and measuring less than 12.130 inches (308.102 mm) (actual) in outside diameter ("OD"), regardless of wall thickness, bore (e.g., smooth, enhanced with inner grooves or ridges), manufacturing process (e.g., hot finished, cold-drawn, annealed), outer surface (e.g., plain or enhanced with grooves, ridges, fins, or gills), end finish (e.g., plain end, swaged end, flared end, expanded end, crimped end, threaded), coating (e.g., plastic, paint), insulation, attachments (e.g., plain, capped, plugged, with compression or other fitting), or physical configuration (e.g., straight, coiled, bent, wound on spools).
- The scope of these investigations covers, but is not limited to, seamless refined copper pipe and tube produced or comparable to the American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") ASTM-B42, ASTM-B68, ASTM-B75, ASTM-B88, ASTM-B88M, ASTM-B188, ASTM-B251, ASTM-B251M, ASTM-B280, ASTM-B302, ASTM-B306, ASTM-359, ASTM-B743, ASTM-B819, and ASTM-B903 specifications and meeting the physical parameters described therein. Also included within the scope of these investigations are all sets of covered products, including "line sets" of seamless refined copper tubes (with or without fittings or insulation) suitable for connecting an outdoor air conditioner or heat pump to an indoor evaporator unit. The phrase "all sets of covered products" denotes any combination of items put up for sale that is comprised of merchandise subject to the scope.
- Excluded from the scope of these investigations are all seamless circular hollows of refined copper less than 12 inches in length whose OD (actual) exceeds its length.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 74.11.10.1030 and 7411.10.1090. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of these investigations.

- In 2008, imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube from China were valued at an estimated \$446 million. Imports from Mexico were valued at an estimated \$282 million in 2008.

**NEXT STEPS**

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about November 16.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China or Mexico are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary determinations in March 2010.

**Alleged Dumping Margins:**

COUNTRY	MARGIN
CHINA	60.50%
MEXICO	76.50% – 85.70%

**CASE CALENDAR:**

EVENT	DEADLINE
Petitions Filed	September 30, 2009
Commerce Initiation Date	October 20, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination*	November 16, 2009
Commerce Preliminary Determinations**	March 9, 2010
Commerce Final Determinations**	May 24, 2010
ITC Final Determination***	July 7, 2010
Issuance of Orders****	July 14, 2010

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

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

\*\*\* This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations from Commerce.

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**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>CHINA</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Volume (1,000 lbs)</b>	<b>91,113</b>	<b>90,624</b>	<b>111,126</b>
<b>Value (1,000 US\$)</b>	<b>309,873</b>	<b>348,772</b>	<b>446,282</b>
<b>MEXICO</b>			
<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Volume (1,000 lbs)</b>	<b>79,817</b>	<b>75,199</b>	<b>71,327</b>
<b>Value (1,000 US\$)</b>	<b>279,361</b>	<b>284,287</b>	<b>281,957</b>

Source: ITC Dataweb