



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Preliminarily Finds Subsidization of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China

- On October 27, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation on imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand from the People's Republic of China.
- Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters of prestressed concrete steel wire strand have received net countervailable subsidies ranging from 7.53 to 12.06 percent.
- Mandatory respondents, Fasten Group Import & Export Co., Ltd. and Xinhua Metal Products Co., received preliminary subsidy rates of 7.53 and 12.06 percent, respectively. All other producers/exporters received a subsidy rate of 9.80 percent.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond on imports prestressed concrete steel wire strand from China.
- The petitioners for this investigation are American Spring Wire Corp. (OH), Insteel Wire Products Company (NC), and Sumiden Wire Products Corp. (TN).
- The merchandise covered by this investigation consists of certain prestressed concrete steel wire strand which is a collection of wire rod bars, typically covered with an epoxy material and is primarily used in concrete construction applications.
- Prestressed concrete steel wire strand are currently classifiable under the subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description governs the scope of the investigation.
- In 2008, imports of prestressed concrete steel wire strand from China were valued at an estimated \$178 million.

### NEXT STEPS

- Commerce is currently scheduled to issue its final determination in January 2010.
- If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes an affirmative final determination that imports of prestressed concrete wire strand from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue a countervailing duty order.

**PRELIM SUBSIDY RATES:**

COUNTRY	PRODUCER/EXPORTER	SUBSIDY RATE
China	Fasten Group Import & Export Co., Ltd.	7.53%
	Xinhua Metal Products Co.	12.06%
	All Others	9.80%

**CASE CALENDAR:**

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	May 27, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	June 16, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 13, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 26, 2009
DOC Final Determination*	January 11, 2010
ITC Final Determination**	February 23, 2010
Issuance of Order***	March 2, 2010

\* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

	2006	2007	2008
Volume (kg)	391,368	353,936	381,656
Value (USD)	\$112,237,000	\$102,110,000	\$178,008,000

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012)