

June 28, 2007

To: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Re: Quantity and Value Questionnaire for Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China

Dear Sir or Madam:

On June 27, 2007, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an antidumping duty investigation to determine whether circular welded carbon quality steel pipe ("CWP") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") is being sold in the United States at less than fair value. See Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China. The period of investigation ("POI") is October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007.

In advance of the issuance of the antidumping questionnaire, we ask that you respond to the questions in Attachment I requesting information on the quantity and U.S. dollar sales value of all exports to the United States of CWP during the POI. A definition of the merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is included in Attachment II. General instructions for responding to this letter are contained in Attachment III. **Please be advised that receipt of this letter does not indicate that the recipient manufacturer or exporter will be chosen as a mandatory respondent or guaranteed separate rates status. A response to this letter may be subject to on-site verification by Department officials.**

The response to the Department's Quantity and Value ("Q&V") questionnaire in Attachment I is due no later than **July 18, 2007**.

Please note that all submissions to the Department must be served on all interested parties. The service instructions are included in Attachment III. The list of interested parties may be found at <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov/apo/apo-svc-lists.html>.

The Department requires non-market economy exporters of CWP to submit a separate-rate application no later than August 26, 2007, in addition to submitting a response to this Q&V questionnaire to receive consideration for a separate rate. The separate-rate application is available on the Department's website at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/ia-highlights-and-news.html>. In other words, the Department will not give

consideration to any separate rate-status application made by parties that failed to respond to this questionnaire within the established deadline.

We appreciate your attention to these matters. Please contact Maisha Cryor or Mark Manning at 202-482-5831, or 202-482-5253, respectively, if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Mark Manning, Office 4
AD/CVD Operations

Enclosure

APPENDIX I

Where it is not practicable to examine all known producers/exporters of subject merchandise, section 777A(c)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (as amended) permits us to investigate (1) a sample of exporters, producers, or types of products that is statistically valid based on the information available at the time of selection, or (2) exporters and producers accounting for the largest volume and value of the subject merchandise that can reasonably be examined.

In the chart below, please provide the total quantity and total value of all your sales of merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation (see scope section of this notice), produced in the PRC, and exported/shipped to the United States during the period October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007.

Market	Total Quantity	Terms of Sale	Total Value
United States			
1. Export Price Sales			
2. a. Exporter name b. Address c. Contact d. Phone No. e. Fax No.			
3. Constructed Export Price Sales			
4. Further Manufactured Sales			
Total Sales			

Total Quantity:

- Please report quantity on a metric ton basis. If any conversions were used, please provide the conversion formula and source.

Terms of Sales:

- Please report all sales on the same terms, such as “free on board” at port of export.

Total Value:

- All sales values should be reported in U.S. dollars. Please provide any exchange rates used and their respective dates and sources.

Export Price Sales:

- Generally, a U.S. sale is classified as an export price sale when the first sale to an unaffiliated customer occurs before importation into the United States.
- Please include any sales exported by your company directly to the United States.
- Please include any sales exported by your company to a third-country market economy reseller where you had knowledge that the merchandise was destined to be resold to the United States.
- If you are a producer of subject merchandise, please include any sales manufactured by your company that were subsequently exported by an affiliated exporter to the United States.
- Please **do not** include any sales of merchandise manufactured in Hong Kong in your figures.

Constructed Export Price Sales:

- Generally, a U.S. sale is classified as a constructed export price sale when the first sale to an unaffiliated customer occurs after importation. However, if the first sale to the unaffiliated customer is made by a person in the United States affiliated with the foreign exporter, constructed export price applies even if the sale occurs prior to importation.
- Please include any sales exported by your company directly to the United States.
- Please include any sales exported by your company to a third-country market economy reseller where you had knowledge that the merchandise was destined to be resold to the United States.
- If you are a producer of subject merchandise, please include any sales manufactured by your company that were subsequently exported by an affiliated exporter to the United States.
- Please **do not** include any sales of merchandise manufactured in Hong Kong in your figures.

Further Manufactured Sales:

- Further manufacture or assembly (including re-packing) sales (“further manufactured sales”) refers to merchandise that undergoes further manufacture or assembly in the United States before being sold to the first unaffiliated customer.
- Further manufacture or assembly costs include amounts incurred for direct materials, labor and overhead, plus amounts for general and administrative expense, interest expense, and additional packing expense incurred in the country of further manufacture, as well as all costs involved in moving the product from the U.S. port of entry to the further manufacturer.

APPENDIX II

Scope of Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers certain welded carbon quality steel pipes and tubes, of circular cross-section, and with an outside diameter of 0.372 inches (9.45 mm) or more, but not more than 16 inches (406.4 mm), whether or not stenciled, regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (e.g., black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (e.g., plain end, beveled end, grooved, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (e.g., ASTM, proprietary, or other), generally known as standard pipe and structural pipe (they may also be referred to as circular, structural, or mechanical tubing).

Specifically, the term “carbon quality” includes products in which: (a) iron predominates, by weight, over each of the other contained elements; (b) the carbon content is 2 percent or less, by weight; and (c) none of the elements listed below exceeds the quantity, by weight, as indicated:

- (i) 1.80 percent of manganese;
- (ii) 2.25 percent of silicon;
- (iii) 1.00 percent of copper;
- (iv) 0.50 percent of aluminum;
- (v) 1.25 percent of chromium;
- (vi) 0.30 percent of cobalt;
- (vii) 0.40 percent of lead;
- (viii) 1.25 percent of nickel;
- (ix) 0.30 percent of tungsten;
- (x) 0.15 percent of molybdenum;
- (xi) 0.10 percent of niobium;
- (xii) 0.41 percent of titanium
- (xiii) 0.15 percent of vanadium; or
- (xiv) 0.15 percent of zirconium.

All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above that is used in, or intended for use in, standard and structural pipe applications is covered by the scope of this investigation. Standard pipe applications include the low-pressure conveyance of water, steam, natural gas, air, and other liquids and gases in plumbing and heating systems, air conditioning units, automatic sprinkler systems, and other related uses. Standard pipe may also be used for light load-bearing and mechanical applications, such as for fence tubing, and as an intermediate product for protection of electrical wiring, such as conduit shells. Structural pipe is used in construction applications.

Standard pipe is made primarily to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications, but can be made to other specifications. Standard pipe is made primarily to ASTM specifications A-53, A-135, and A-795. Structural pipe is made primarily to ASTM specifications A-252 and A-500. Standard and structural pipe may also be produced to proprietary specifications rather than to industry specifications. This is often the case, for

example, with fence tubing. Pipe multiple-stenciled to an ASTM specification and to any other specification, such as the American Petroleum Institute (API) API-5L or 5L X-42 specifications, is covered by the scope of this investigation when used in, or intended for use in, one of the standard applications listed above, regardless of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) category under which it is entered. Pipe used for the production of scaffolding (but not finished scaffolding) and conduit shells (but not finished electrical conduit) are included within the scope of this investigation.

The scope does not include: (a) pipe suitable for use in boilers, superheaters, heat exchangers, condensers, refining furnaces and feedwater heaters, whether or not cold drawn; (b) mechanical tubing, whether or not cold-drawn; (c) finished electrical conduit; (d) tube and pipe hollows for redrawing; (e) oil country tubular goods produced to API specifications; and (f) line pipe produced to API specifications for oil and gas applications.

The pipe products that are the subject of this investigation are currently classifiable in HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 7306.30.10.00, 7306.30.50.25, 7306.30.50.32, 7306.30.50.40, 7306.30.50.55, 7306.30.50.85, and 7306.30.50.90. However, the product description, and not the HTSUS classification, is dispositive of whether merchandise imported into the United States falls within the scope of the investigation.

APPENDIX III

Instructions for Filing the Response

The following information concerns the procedures interested parties must use the when submitting information regarding the antidumping duty investigation on CWP from the PRC:

1. The submission must be properly labeled for submission to the official record in accordance with section 351.303(d)(2) of the Department's regulations.

All submissions that you file with the Department during the course of this investigation must contain a case heading in the upper right-hand corner of first page of the document. The case heading should appear as follows:

A-570-910
Total Pages: XX
POI: 10/01/06-03/31/07
NME/IA/4
Proprietary Document, Public Document, or Public Version (please choose one)
Document may be released under APO (if a proprietary document)

The Departments notes that the period of investigation ("POI") is October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

2. The submission must be properly addressed. All future submissions that you file with the Department should be addressed to:

Secretary of Commerce
Attn: Import Administration
Central Records Unit, Room 1870
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230
(attn. Maisha Cryor or Mark Manning, Room 3057)

3. **Proprietary versions** of the response should be submitted on the day specified in the cover letter. The **public version** of the response may be filed one business day after the proprietary version.
4. File the original and six copies of the proprietary version. However, if you file an electronic copy of the proprietary version in Word Perfect for Windows format or Microsoft Word, you need file only the original version and four copies. In case of any difference between the hard copy narrative response and the content of the electronic media, the hard copy narrative response is the controlling version.

File the original and three copies of the public version of your narrative response and attachments, including sample printouts.

5. Submit the required certification of accuracy. Providers of information and the person(s) submitting it, if different (e.g., a legal representative), must certify that they have read the submission and that the information submitted is accurate and complete. The Department cannot accept responses to the letter that do not contain the certification statements. A form for such certification is included at Attachment III(A). You may photocopy this form and submit a completed copy with each of your submissions.
6. The submission must be served on all other persons on the service list and accompanied by a proper certificate of service for this case in accordance with section 351.303(f)(1)-(2) of the Department's regulations, which states:

(1)(i) *In General.* Except as provided in § 351.202(c) (filing of petition), § 351.207(f)(1) (submission of proposed suspension agreement), and paragraph (f)(3) of this section, a person filing a document with the Department simultaneously must serve a copy of the document on all other persons on the service list by personal service or first class mail.

(ii) *Service of public versions or a party's own business proprietary information.* Notwithstanding paragraphs (f)(1)(i) and (f)(3) of this section, service of the public version of a document or of the business proprietary version of a document containing only the server's own business proprietary information, on persons on the service list, may be made by facsimile transmission or other electronic transmission process, with the consent of the person to be served.

(2) *Certificate of Service.* Each document filed with the Department must include a certificate of service listing each person served (including agents), the type of document served, and the date and method of service on each person. The Secretary may refuse to accept any document that is not accompanied by a certificate of service.

This public service list contains the names of parties which have not waived their service rights in the review. When you submit a proprietary document to the Department, you must serve a copy of this document to **each party listed on the APO service list**. When you submit a public document or a public version of a proprietary document to the Department, you must serve a copy of this document on each party listed on the public service list. In addition, you must provide the Department with a certificate of service that documents that you have served the appropriate documents to the parties on the service lists. A form for such certification is included in Attachment III(B).

The list of interested parties you need to serve with a copy of your submissions, in accordance with section 351.303(f) of the Department's regulations, can also be found on our website at: <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov/apo/apo-svc-lists.html>.

Start at "Active APOs and Service Lists." Begin your search with the product. Search alphabetically for "circular welded carbon quality steel pipe." Once you click on "circular welded carbon quality steel pipe," you will see the People's Republic of China (A-570-910). You should then click on People's Republic of China (A-570-910). There will be several options. Select "Investigation" to find the most up-to-date service list.

7. Request **proprietary treatment** for information submitted that you do not wish to be made publicly available. As a general rule, the Department places all correspondence and submissions received in the course of an antidumping proceeding in a public reading file. However, information deemed to be **proprietary information** will not be made available to the public. If you wish to make a request for proprietary treatment for particular information, refer to sections 351.304 and 351.304(a)(2) of the Department's **regulations**. Submit the request for proprietary treatment no later than one business day following the submission of the proprietary version of your response accompanied by:
 - (1) a non-proprietary (public) version of your response that is in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the information submitted in confidence,¹ and/or
 - (2) an itemization of particular information that you believe you are unable to summarize. State the reasons why you cannot summarize each piece of information.

Responses, or portions thereof, that are not adequately summarized may be returned to you and not used.

8. Submit the statements required regarding limited release of proprietary information under the provisions of an **administrative protective order** ("APO"). U.S. law permits limited disclosure to representatives of parties (e.g., legal counsel) of certain business proprietary information, including electronic business proprietary information, under an APO. (Note that data received under an APO cannot be shared with others who are not covered by the APO.) Under the provisions governing APO disclosure, you must submit either:
 - (1) a statement agreeing to permit the release under APO of information submitted by you in confidence during the course of the proceeding, or
 - (2) a statement itemizing those portions of the information which you believe should not be released under APO, together with arguments supporting your objections to that release.

¹ Generally, numerical data are adequately summarized if grouped or presented in terms of indices or figures ranged within ten percent of the actual figure. If a particular portion of the data is voluminous, use ranged figures for at least one percent of the voluminous portion.

We are required by our regulations to reject, at the time of filing, submissions of business proprietary information that do not contain one of these statements. You must state in the upper right-hand corner of the cover letter accompanying your response whether you agree or object to release of the submitted information under APO. (See section 351.303 of the Department's regulations.)²

9. Place brackets ("[...]") around information for which you request business proprietary treatment. Place double brackets ("[[...]]") around information for which you request proprietary treatment and which you do not agree to release under APO.
10. Provide to all parties whose representatives have been granted an APO (as identified on the Department's website at: <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov/apo/apo-svc-lists.html>) a complete copy of the submission, proprietary and public versions, except for that information which you do not agree to release under APO. If you exclude information because you do not agree to release it under APO, submit with your response to the Department a certificate of service and a copy of the APO version of the document containing the information that you agree may be released under APO. For parties that do not have access to information under APO, please provide a public version only.
11. Prepare your response in typed form and in English. Repeat the question to which you are responding in your narrative submission and place your answer directly below it.

² If you do not agree to release under APO all or part of the proprietary information, but we determine that the information should be released, you will have the opportunity to withdraw the information (see section 351.304(d) of our regulations). However, any information which you withdraw will be taken out of the official record and will not be used in our determination

ATTACHMENT III(A)

COMPANY OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

I, _____, currently employed
(name and title)

by _____, certify that (1) I have
(Interested Party)

read the attached submission, and (2) the information contained in

this submission is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and

accurate.

(signature of certifying official)

ATTACHMENT III(B)
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, _____, hereby certify that a copy of the
(name of certifying official)

foregoing submission on behalf of _____,
(company name)

dated _____, was served by first class mail or by hand delivery (circle the method
used) on the following parties:

(Business Proprietary Version)

On Behalf of

Name and address

(Public Version)

On Behalf of

Name and address

(signature of certifying official)