

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigations Nos. 731-TA-1073-1075 (Preliminary)

CERTAIN CIRCULAR WELDED CARBON QUALITY LINE PIPE FROM CHINA, KOREA, AND MEXICO

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China, Korea, and Mexico of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe provided for in subheadings 7306.10.10 and 7306.10.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the FR as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2004, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by American Steel Pipe Division of American Cast Iron Pipe Co., Birmingham, AL; IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Camanche, IA; Lone Star Steel Co., Dallas, TX; Maverick Tube Corp., Chesterfield, MO; Northwest Pipe Co., Portland, OR; and Stupp Corp., Baton Rouge, LA, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe from China, Korea, and Mexico. Accordingly, effective March 3, 2004, the Commission instituted antidumping duty investigations Nos. 731-TA-1073-1075 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the FR of March 9, 2004 (69 FR 11404). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 24, 2004, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on April 19, 2004. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3687 (April 2004), entitled *Certain Circular Welded Carbon Quality Line Pipe from China, Korea, and Mexico: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-1073-1075 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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