



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Subsidization of Certain Steel Grating 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 certain steel grating from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have received net countervailable subsidies of 7.44 percent.
- Mandatory respondent, Ningbo Jiulong Machinery Manufacturing Company, received a net subsidy rate of 7.44 percent.
- All other Chinese exporters received a net subsidy rate of 7.44 percent.
- As a result of this preliminary determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on these preliminary rates.
- The petitioners for this investigation are Alabama Metal Industries Corp (AL) and Fisher & Ludlow, with U.S. production facilities located in McKeesrock, PA and Litchfield, IL.
- The products covered by this investigation are certain steel grating, consisting of two or more pieces of steel, including load-bearing pieces and cross pieces, joined by any assembly process, regardless of: (1) size or shape; (2) method of manufacture; (3) metallurgy (carbon, alloy, or stainless); (4) the profile of the bars; and (5) whether or not they are galvanized, painted, coated, clad or plated.
- The products covered by this investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item number: 7308.90.7000. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of this investigation.
- From 2006 to 2008, imports of steel grating from China increased 538.44 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$90.7 million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

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

PRELIMINARY SUBSIDY RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	SUBSIDY RATE
Ningbo Jiulong Machinery Manufacturing Company	7.44 %
All Others	7.44 %

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	May 29, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	June 18, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 13, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 26, 2009
DOC Final Determinations*^	March 13, 2010
ITC Final Determination**	April 27, 2010
Issuance of Orders***	May 4, 2010

* These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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

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^ As requested by the petitioners in this investigation, Commerce is aligning the final countervailing duty determination with the final companion antidumping duty determination. Consequently, the final determinations will be issued no later than March 13, 2010, unless postponed.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Quantity (kilograms)	9,337,923	14,449,650	59,616,861
Value (USD)	8,819,496	13,699,418	90,671,110

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7308.90.7000).