



FACT SHEET

Commerce Preliminarily Finds Dumping of Certain Steel Grating from the People's Republic of China

- On December 29, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation on imports of certain steel grating (steel grating) from the People's Republic of China (China).
- For the purposes of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than fair value.
- Commerce preliminarily determined that Chinese producers/exporters have sold steel grating in the United States at 14.36 to 145.18 percent less than normal value.
- The mandatory respondent, Ningbo Jiulong Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd., received a preliminary dumping rate of 14.36 percent. The other mandatory respondent, Shanghai DAHE Grating Co., Ltd., stated that it would not participate in this investigation and, as a result, Commerce has preliminarily assigned it a rate of 145.18 percent as part of the PRC-wide entity.
- In this investigation, three other companies have qualified for a separate rate of 14.36 percent. All other Chinese producers/exporters will receive a preliminary dumping rate of 145.18 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, among other locations.
- 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 determination in April 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 an antidumping duty order.

PRELIMINARY DUMPING RATES:

PRODUCER/EXPORTER	MARGIN
Ningbo Jiulong Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	14.36%
SEPARATE RATE COMPANIES	
Sinosteel Yantai Steel Grating Co., Ltd.	14.36%
Ningbo Haitian International Co., Ltd. / Ningbo Lihong Steel Grating Co., Ltd.	14.36%
Yantai Xinke Steel Structure Co., Ltd.	14.36%
CHINA-WIDE (including Shanghai DAHE Grating Co., Ltd.)	145.18%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	May 29, 2009
DOC Initiation Date	June 18, 2009
ITC Preliminary Determination	July 20, 2009
DOC Preliminary Determination	December 28, 2009
DOC Final Determination*	April 17, 2010
ITC Final Determination**	June 1, 2010
Issuance of Order***	June 8, 2010

* This deadline may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Quantity (KG)	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).