



FACT SHEET

Commerce Finds Unfair Dumping of Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China

- On February 23, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative final determination in the antidumping duty investigation on imports of steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China (China). Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value.
- Commerce determined that exporters/producers from China have sold steel threaded rod in the United States at 55.16 to 206.00 percent below normal value.
- The final result for mandatory respondent Ningbo Yinzhou is based on total adverse facts available because the company failed verification.
- Mandatory respondent RMB & IFI received a final dumping rate of 55.16 percent. Nine Chinese exporters received a separate final rate of 55.16 percent. Ningbo Yinzhou and all other exporters will receive the China-wide rate of 206.00 percent.
- As a result of this final determination, Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to collect a cash deposit or bond based on the final rates.
- Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (AL) is the petitioner for this investigation.
- The merchandise covered by this investigation includes steel threaded rod, which is certain threaded rod, bar, or studs, of carbon quality steel, having a solid, circular cross section, of any diameter, in any straight length, that have been forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled, machine straightened, or otherwise cold-finished, and into which threaded grooves have been applied. In addition, the steel threaded rod, bar, or studs subject to this investigation are non-headed and threaded along greater than 25 percent of their total length. A variety of finishes or coatings may be applied to the merchandise.
- Steel threaded rod is classifiable under subheadings 7318.15.5050 and 7318.15.5090 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), as of July 1, 2008. Steel threaded rod was previously classifiable under HTS subheading 7315.15.5060. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description governs the scope of these investigations.
- Excluded from the scope of the investigation are: (a) threaded rod, bar, or studs which are threaded only on one or both ends and the threading covers 25 percent or less of the total length; and (b) threaded rod, bar, or studs made to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) A193 Grade B7, ASTM A193 Grade B7M, ASTM A193 Grade B16, or ASTM A320 Grade L7.

- From 2007 to 2008, imports of steel threaded rod from China decreased nearly 18.8 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$85.3 million in 2008.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its final determination on or before April 8.
- If the ITC makes an affirmative determination that imports of steel threaded rod from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an antidumping order. If the ITC makes a negative injury determination, this investigation will be terminated.

FINAL DUMPING MARGINS:

EXPORTER/PRODUCER	MARGINS
Ningbo Yinzhou Foreign Trade Co., Ltd./ Ningbo Daxie Chuofeng Industrial Development Co., Ltd./ Zhejiang Guorui Industry Co., Ltd.	206.00%
RMB Fasteners Ltd./ IFI & Morgan Ltd./ Jiaxing Brother Fastener Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Separate Rate Respondents (See Attached)	55.16%
CHINA-WIDE	206.00%

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	DATE
Petition Filed	March 5, 2008
DOC Initiation Date	March 25, 2008
ITC Preliminary Determination	April 21, 2008
DOC Preliminary Determination	October 1, 2008
DOC Final Determination	February 20, 2009
ITC Final Determination	April 8, 2009
Issuance of Order*	April 15, 2009

* This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both Commerce and the ITC.

IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2006	2007	2008
Volume (kgs)	67,935,291	74,565,672	60,526,192
Value (\$US)	62,601,992	72,276,613	85,367,052

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb – Effective July 1, 2008, steel threaded rod is classifiable under HTSUS 7318.15.50.50 and 7318.15.50.90. Steel threaded rod was previously classifiable under HTSUS subheading 7318.15.5060

SEPARATE RATE RESPONDENTS

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Shanghai Recky International Trading Co., Ltd./Shanghai Xiangrong International Trading Co., Ltd./Shanghai Xianglong International Trading Co., Ltd./Pighu City Zhapu Screw Cap Factory/Jiaxing Xinyue Standard Part Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Suntec Industries Co., Ltd./Jiaxing Xinyue Standard Part Co., Ltd./Haiyan County No. 1 Fasteners Factory	55.16%
Hangzhou Grand Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd./Zhapu Creative Standard Parts Material Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Shanghai Prime Machinery Co. Ltd./Haiyan Yida Fasteners Co., Ltd./Jiaxing Xinyue Standard Part Co., Ltd.	55.16%
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Certified Products International Inc./Jiashan Zhongsheng Metal Products Co., Ltd./Jiaxing Xinyue Standard Part Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Zhejiang New Oriental Fastener Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Jiashan Zhongsheng Metal Products Co., Ltd.	55.16%
Haiyan Dayu Fasteners Co., Ltd.	55.16%
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