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Key Facts

Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties Against Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China

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Product at Issue

Prestressed concrete steel wire strand ("PC strand") is steel strand, produced from wire of non-stainless, non-galvanized steel, which is suitable for use in prestressed concrete (both pre-tensioned and post-tensioned) applications. The product definition encompasses covered and uncovered strand and all types, grades, and diameters of PC strand.

PC strand is normally sold in the U.S. in sizes ranging from 0.25 to 0.70 inches in diameter. PC strand made from galvanized wire is only excluded from the scope if the zinc and/or zinc oxide coating meets or exceeds the 0.4 oz./ft² standard set forth in ASTM-A-475.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) currently classifies the PC strand described in petition under subheadings 7312.10.3010 and 7312.10.3012 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS).

General imports under these subheadings are not currently subject to an *ad valorem* tariff.

Foreign Producers/Exporters

Petitioners name 22 Chinese companies believed to be producing and/or exporting PC strand to the U.S.

U.S. Importers

Petitioners name over 35 U.S. companies believed to be importing the subject merchandise from China.

Petitioners

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Sumiden Wire Products Corp
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Related Proceeding

U.S. antidumping duties have been in place against PC strand imported from Japan since 1978 and from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand since 2003.

In 2001, the U.S. International Trade Commission made a negative injury determination in a section 201 safeguards investigation concerning PC strand and other steel products from China.

On May 5, 2009, the European Council determined that PC strand from China is being dumped at a margin of 26.8% to 50.0% in the European Union.

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