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Key Facts

Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping & Countervailing Duties: Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, & Pressure Pipe from China

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Product at Issue

Seamless Carbon and alloy (other than stainless) steel standard, line, and pressure pipes & redraw hollows produced, or equivalent, to ASTM standards A-53, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-333, ASTM A-334, ASTM A-335, ASTM A-589, ASTM A-795, & PI 5L specifications, regardless of application. Seamless pressure pipes are intended for the conveyance of water, steam, petrochemicals, chemicals, oil products, natural gas, and other liquids and gases in industrial piping systems. They may carry substances at elevated pressures and temperatures and may be subject to the application of external heat.

Standard seamless pipes, not meant for high temperature service are generally produced to the ASTM A-53 specification. ASTM A-106 pipes may be used in temperatures of up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. If temperatures exceed that level, ASTM A-335 must be used. If exceptionally low temperature use is anticipated, pipes are manufactured to ASTM A-333 or A-334 specifications.

Specifically excluded from the petition are boiling & mechanical tubes that are not produced to the specifications described above and are not used in standard, line, or pressure pipe applications. Also excluded from this petition are finished or unfinished oil country tubular goods (OCTG) if they are covered by another dumping order from the same country.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS) 7304 subheadings 19.1020, 19.1030, 19.1045, 19.1060, 19.5020, 19.5050, 31.3000, 31.6050, 39.0016, 39.0020, 39.0024, 39.0028, 39.0032, 39.0036, 39.0040, 39.0044, 39.0048, 39.0052, 39.0056, 39.0062, 39.0068, 39.0072, 51.5005, 51.5060, 59.6000, 59.8010, 59.8015, 59.8020, 59.8025, 59.8030, 59.8035, 59.8040, 59.8045, 59.8050, 59.8055, 59.8060, 59.8065, & 59.8070.

Imports under these subheadings are generally not subject to an *ad-valorem* tariff.

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Related Proceedings

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) conducted a 201 safeguard investigation in 2001 (see Inv. No. TA-201-73), but reached a negative determination with regard to seamless pipe products.

Additionally, petitioners believe that as a result of antidumping and countervailing investigations against OCTG from China (see Inv. No. 731-TA-1159), many Chinese producers are shifting production from OCTG to seamless pipes because both products can be manufactured on the same equipment.

Foreign Producers/Exporters

Petitioners name 84 Chinese entities believed to be producing or exporting the subject merchandise.

U.S. Importers

Petitioners name 135 companies they believe to be importing the subject merchandise into the U.S.

Proposed Dumping Margin

- China: **69.92-72.55%**

Volume of Subject Imports in 2006 & 2008

- 2006: 158,128 (Net Tons)
- 2008: 366,091 (Net Tons)

Value of Subject Imports in 2006 & 2008

- 2006: \$119.6 million (in USD)
- 2008: \$381.9 million (in USD)

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