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Key Facts

Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping & Countervailing Duties: Standard Steel Fasteners from China & Taiwan

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Product at Issue

The merchandise covered by this petition consists of certain standard nuts, bolts, and cap screws of steel other than stainless steel, whether or not coated. Bolts and cap screws covered by this petition possess either a round shaped (i.e., dome shaped), or hexagonal shaped head, and having a shank or thread or more with a full or nominal diameter of 6 millimeters or more. Cap screws covered by the investigation typically have an attached washer face (e.q., chamfered corners on the underside of a fasteners). Nuts are covered by this petition if they are suitable for attachment to bolts and/or cap screws covered by the petition.

The subject fasteners covered by this petition are downstream steel products designed to hold, join, couple, assemble or maintain equilibrium of single or multiple components. They are typically either internally threaded nuts or externally threaded products used to fasten assembled parts with performed internal threads or by use of a nut.

Common specifications to which subject merchandise is certified include, but not limited to: ASTM A194, ASTM A307, ASTM A307A, ASTM A325, ASTM 325, ASTM A325M, ASTM A325T, ASTM A325-3, ASTM A354, ASTM A449, ASTM A490, ASTM A490-3, ASTM A563, ASTM F568, ASTM F1852, ASTM F2280, SAE 2, SAE 5, SAE 8, SAE J429, SAE J1199, ISO 898-1, ISO 898-2, ISO 4759-1, ISO 8992, and the IFI's "Inch Fastener Standards," and "Metric Fastener Standards."

The subject merchandise is commonly classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS) under subheadings: 7318.15.2030, 7318.15.2055, 7318.15.2065, 7318.15.8065, 7318.15.8085, and 7318.16.0085.

The *ad-valorem* rates of duty applied to imports of these subheadings range from 0% to 8.7%.

Petitioner

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Related Proceedings

Petitioners have not previously requested relief of any type from imports of the subject merchandise.

Foreign Producers/Exporters

Petitioner names over 900 entities it believes may be producing/exporting the subject merchandise in/ from China and Taiwan.

U.S. Importers

Petitioners name nearly 600 U.S. companies they believe may be importing the subject merchandise from China or Taiwan.

Proposed Dumping Margins

China: 68.70-208.70%Taiwan: 54.11-120.00%

Volume of Subject Imports in 2008

China: 173,655,687 (in kg)Taiwan: 190,276,359 (in kg)

Value of Subject Imports in 2008

China: \$291,210,429 (in USD)Taiwan: \$385,238,086 (in USD)

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