

## FACT SHEET

### **Preliminary Determinations in the Antidumping Duty Investigations on Certain Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Line Pipe from Mexico, the People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea**

On September 30, the Department of Commerce announced the preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of certain circular welded carbon-quality line pipe from Mexico, the People's Republic of China (PRC), and the Republic of Korea (Korea). We preliminarily find that Mexican, Chinese and Korean producers/exporters have sold subject merchandise from in the U.S. market at less than fair value, with margins ranging from 14.93 to 31.34 percent for Mexico, a margin of 73.17 percent for the PRC, and margins ranging from 1.19 (*de minimis*) to 6.49 percent for Korea.

Upon the publication of the preliminary determinations in the *Federal Register*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Customs) will begin to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise and collect a bond or cash deposit based on the margins above *de minimis* in the Department's preliminary determinations.

**Next Steps:** The Department will consider all submitted comments from interested parties along with record evidence before making its final determinations on or about December 13, 2004, for the PRC, and February 18, 2005, for Mexico and Korea. If the Department makes final affirmative determinations, and the U.S. International Trade Commission makes final affirmative determinations that imports materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the Department will issue antidumping duty orders and instruct Customs to collect cash deposits on imports of subject merchandise.

#### **Application of Total Adverse Facts Available in Investigations on Mexican and Chinese Imports:**

The preliminary dumping margins of 73.17 percent on imports of subject merchandise from the PRC and 31.34 percent on imports from the Mexican producer/exporter Tuberia Nacional (TUNA) are based on adverse facts available. In the PRC investigation, none of the mandatory respondent companies participated in the Department's investigation. In the Mexico investigation, after responding to Section A of the antidumping questionnaire, TUNA informed the Department it would no longer participate in the investigation.

**Petitioners:** The petitions requesting these investigations were filed on March 3, 2004, by American Steel Pipe Division of ACIPCO (Alabama), IPSCO Tubulars, Inc. (Iowa), Lone Star Steel Company (Texas), Maverick Tube Corporation (Missouri), Northwest Pipe Company (Oregon), and the Stupp Corporation (Louisiana).

**Product Description:** The products covered by these investigations are all circular welded carbon quality steel pipe of a kind used for oil and gas pipelines, not more than 406.4 mm (16 inches) in outside diameter, regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (black, or coated with any coatings compatible with line pipe), and regardless of end finish (plain end, beveled ends for welding, threaded ends or threaded and coupled, as well as any other special end finishes), and regardless of stenciling. Excluded from this proceeding are line pipe in nominal pipe size outer diameter of 1¼ inch and less.

The merchandise subject to these investigations are currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at heading 7306 and subheadings 7306.10.1010, 7306.10.1013, 7306.10.1014, 7306.10.1015, 7306.10.1019, 7306.10.1050, 7306.10.1053, 7306.10.1054, 7306.10.1055, 7306.10.1059, 7306.10.5010, 7306.10.5013, 7306.10.5014, 7306.10.5015, 7306.10.5019, 7306.10.5050, 7306.10.5053, 7306.10.5054, 7306.10.5055, and 7306.10.5059. The tariff classifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of the investigations is dispositive.

**Preliminary Dumping Margins:**

COUNTRY	MARGIN
<b>MEXICO</b>	
Hylsa S.A. de CV	14.93%
Tuberia Nacional	31.34%
All Others	14.93%
<b>PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</b>	
PRC-Wide	73.17%
<b>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</b>	
SeAH Steel Corporation, Ltd.	1.19% ( <i>de minimis</i> )
Hyundai HYSCO Co., Ltd.	6.49%
All Others	6.49%

## Case Calendar:

EVENT	DATE
Petitions Filed	March 3, 2004
Initiation Date	March 23, 2004
ITC Preliminary Determinations	April 19, 2004
ITA Preliminary Determinations	September 29, 2004
ITA Final Determinations	<i>PRC</i> December 13, 2004 <i>Mexico</i> February 18, 2005 <i>Korea</i> February 18, 2005
ITC Final Determinations*	<i>PRC</i> January 27, 2005 <i>Mexico</i> April 4, 2005 <i>Korea</i> April 4, 2005
Signature of Orders**	<i>PRC</i> February 3, 2005 <i>Mexico</i> April 11, 2005 <i>Korea</i> April 11, 2005

\* This will take place only in the event of a final affirmative determination from the Department.

\*\*An order will be issued only in the event of final affirmative determinations by both the Department and the ITC.

## Import Statistics:

		2001	2002	2003
<b>MEXICO</b>	<b>Volume (kg)</b>	46,413,120	44,803,173	47,512,091
	<b>Value (\$US)</b>	\$20,875,425	\$21,548,388	\$25,195,704
<b>PRC</b>	<b>Volume (kg)</b>	2,301,360	16,278,086	22,793,205
	<b>Value (\$US)</b>	\$699,455	\$5,061,218	\$8,078,677
<b>KOREA</b>	<b>Volume (kg)</b>	11,289,998	51,801,994	96,190,753
	<b>Value (\$US)</b>	\$3,675,298	\$15,773,381	\$35,290,390

Source: International Trade Commission Trade Database (Dataweb).