



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty (AD) and Countervailing Duty (CVD) Investigations of Certain Steel Wheels (Steel Wheels) from the People's Republic of China (China)

- On April 19, 2011, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated AD and CVD investigations of imports of steel wheels from China.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. For the purpose of CVD investigations, subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefits the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are: Accuride Corporation (IN) and Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. (MI).
- Steel wheels, composed of a rim and a disc, are generally used on commercial vehicles.
- The products covered by these investigations are steel wheels with a wheel diameter of 18 to 24.5 inches. Rims and discs for such wheels are included, whether imported as an assembly or separately. These products are used with both tubed and tubeless tires. Steel wheels, whether or not attached to tires or axles, are included. However, if the steel wheels are imported as an assembly attached to tires or axles, the tire or axle is not covered by the scope. The scope includes steel wheels, discs, and rims of carbon and/or alloy composition and clad wheels, discs, and rims when carbon or alloy steel represents more than fifty percent of the product by weight. The scope includes wheels, rims, and discs, whether coated or uncoated, regardless of the type of coating.
- Imports of the subject merchandise are provided for under the following categories of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 8708.70.0500, 8708.70.2500, 8708.70.4530, and 8708.70.6030. These HTS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.
- In 2010, imports of steel wheels were valued at an estimated \$80.4 million. However, the steel wheels subject to these investigations are classified within HTSUS basket categories that contain products beyond the scope of the investigations.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about May 16, 2011.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from China are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its CVD and AD preliminary determinations in June and September 2011, respectively.

Alleged Dumping Margins:

COUNTRY	MARGIN
CHINA	30.25 – 193.54 percent

Estimated Subsidy Rate:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
CHINA	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATION	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	March 30, 2011	March 30, 2011
DOC Initiation Date	April 19, 2011	April 19, 2011
ITC Preliminary Determination*	May 16, 2011	May 16, 2011
DOC Preliminary Determinations**	September 6, 2011	June 23, 2011
DOC Final Determinations**	November 21, 2011	September 6, 2011
ITC Final Determination***	January 4, 2012	October 21, 2011
Issuance of Orders****	January 11, 2012	October 28, 2011

* If the ITC makes a negative preliminary determination of injury, the investigations are terminated.

**These deadlines may be extended under the governing statute.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

CHINA	2008	2009	2010
Volume (units)	3,100,000	1,941,000	2,755,000
Value (US\$)	109,517,000	60,892,000	80,440,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 8708.70.0500, 8708.70.2500, 8708.70.4530, and 8708.70.6030). Some HTSUS subheadings include basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.