



## FACT SHEET

### Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations of Certain Steel Grating from the People's Republic of China

- On June 19, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its decision to initiate antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of certain steel grating from the People's Republic of China (China).
- Dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than normal value. Subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production, manufacture, or exportation of goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are Alabama Metal Industries Corp (AL) and Fisher & Ludlow, with U.S. production facilities located in McKeesrock, PA and Litchfield, IL.
- The products covered by these investigations are certain steel grating, consisting of two or more pieces of steel, including load-bearing pieces and cross pieces, joined by any assembly process, regardless of: (1) size or shape; (2) method of manufacture; (3) metallurgy (carbon, alloy, or stainless); (4) the profile of the bars; and (5) whether or not they are galvanized, painted, coated, clad or plated.
- The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under item number: 7308.90.7000. While the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, Commerce's written description of the subject merchandise governs the scope of these investigations.
- From 2006 to 2008, imports of steel grating from China increased 538.44 percent by volume and were valued at an estimated \$90.7 million in 2008.

### NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determination on or about July 13.
- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue, and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination on August 24, and its preliminary AD determination on November 5.

### ALLEGED DUMPING MARGIN RANGE/SUBSIDY RATE:

MARGIN	SUBSIDY RATE
131.51%-145.18%	Above <i>de minimis</i> *

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

**CASE CALENDAR:**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>CVD INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>AD INVESTIGATION</b>
<b>Petitions Filed</b>	<b>May 29, 2009</b>	<b>May 29, 2009</b>
<b>DOC Initiation Date</b>	<b>June 18, 2009</b>	<b>June 18, 2009</b>
<b>ITC Preliminary Determination</b>	<b>July 13, 2009</b>	<b>July 13, 2009</b>
<b>DOC Preliminary Determinations*</b>	<b>August 24, 2009</b>	<b>November 5, 2009</b>
<b>DOC Final Determinations*</b>	<b>November 5, 2009</b>	<b>January 19, 2010</b>
<b>ITC Final Determination**</b>	<b>December 21, 2009</b>	<b>March 5, 2010</b>
<b>Issuance of Orders***</b>	<b>December 28, 2009</b>	<b>March 12, 2010</b>

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

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

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**IMPORT STATISTICS:**

<b>CHINA</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Quantity (kilograms)</b>	<b>9,337,923</b>	<b>14,449,650</b>	<b>59,616,861</b>
<b>Value (USD)</b>	<b>8,819,496</b>	<b>13,699,418</b>	<b>90,671,110</b>

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission, Dataweb (HTSUS 7308.90.7000 ).