



NEWS

United States International Trade Commission • Office of External Relations • Washington, DC 20436

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2002

CONTACT: Peg O'Laughlin
John Greer
202-205-1819

02-095

Invs. Nos. 701-TA-423-425 and 731-TA-964,
966-970, 973-978, 980, and 982-983 (Final)

CERTAIN COLD-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS
FROM ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CHINA, FRANCE, GERMANY, KOREA,
THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, RUSSIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN,
TAIWAN, TURKEY, AND VENEZUELA
DO NOT INJURE U.S. INDUSTRY, SAYS ITC

The United States International Trade Commission (ITC) today determined that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of certain cold-rolled steel products from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela that the Department of Commerce has determined are sold in the United States at less than fair value, and those from Brazil, France, and Korea that the Department of Commerce has determined are also subsidized.

Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun, Vice Chairman Jennifer A. Hillman, and Commissioners Marcia E. Miller and Stephen Koplan voted in the negative. Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission's negative determinations, no antidumping duty or countervailing duty orders will be issued on imports of these products from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela.

The Commission's public report *Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Products from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela* (Invs. Nos. 701-TA-423-425 and 731-TA-964, 966-970, 973-978, 980, and 982-983 (Final), USITC Publication 3551, October 2002) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

Copies may be obtained after November 18, 2002, by calling 202-205-1809 or from the Office of the Secretary, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Requests may also be made by fax to 202-205-2104.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Industries
Washington, DC 20436

FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Products from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela
Invs. Nos. 701-TA-423-425 and 731-TA-964, 966-970, 973-978, 980, and 982-983 (Final)

Product Description:

The imported product subject to these investigations is certain cold-rolled (cold-reduced) carbon-quality steel flat products, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not annealed, painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances, both in coils and in straight lengths.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Types of investigations: Final countervailing duty and antidumping.
2. Petitioners: Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, PA; LTV Steel Co., Inc., Cleveland, OH; National Steel Corp., Mishawaka, IN; Nucor Corp., Charlotte, NC; Steel Dynamics, Inc., Butler, IN; United States Steel LLC, Pittsburgh, PA; WCI Steel, Inc., Warren, OH; and Weirton Steel Corp. Weirton, WV.¹
3. Investigations instituted by USITC: September 28, 2001.
4. Hearing: July 18, 2002.
5. USITC vote: October 16, 2002.
6. USITC notification of Department of Commerce: October 28, 2002.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of U.S. producers of cold-rolled steel products: 26.
2. Production is primarily in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and West Virginia.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2001: 28,071.
4. U.S. producers' U.S. shipments (excluding exports):
 - In 2001: 32.7 million short tons (valued at \$11.8 billion).
 - In January-June 2001: 14.8 million short tons (valued at \$5.4 billion).
 - In January-June 2002: 16.5 million short tons (valued at \$6.1 billion).
5. Total apparent U.S. consumption:
 - In 2001: 35.5 million short tons (valued at \$12.8 billion).
 - In January-June 2001: 16.0 million short tons (valued at \$5.9 billion).
 - In January-June 2002: 17.2 million short tons (valued at \$6.4 billion).
6. Ratio of quantity of U.S. producers' U.S. shipments to apparent U.S. consumption:
 - In 2001: 92.2 percent.
 - In January-June 2001: 92.2 percent.
 - In January-June 2002: 95.7 percent.

¹ Weirton is not a petitioner with respect to the Netherlands.

U.S. Imports:

1. U.S. imports from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela:
 - In 2001: 1,991,705 short tons (valued at \$643.7 million)
 - In January-June 2001: 823,367 short tons (valued at \$273.4 million).
 - In January-June 2002: 351,861 short tons (valued at \$115.4 million).
2. U.S. imports from nonsubject sources Australia, India, Japan, Sweden, and Thailand:²
 - In 2001: 350,299 short tons (valued at \$137.7 million)
 - In January-June 2001: 190,216 short tons (valued at \$87.6 million).
 - In January-June 2002: 88,699 short tons (valued at \$47.5 million).
3. U.S. imports from other nonsubject sources:
 - In 2001: 441,649 short tons (valued at \$183.6 million)
 - In January-June 2001: 239,385 short tons (valued at \$99.2 million).
 - In January-June 2002: 292,027 short tons (valued at \$121.3 million).
4. Ratio of quantity of U.S. imports from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela to apparent U.S. consumption:
 - In 2001: 5.5 percent.
 - In January-June 2001: 5.2 percent.
 - In January-June 2002: 2.2 percent
5. Ratio of quantity of U.S. imports from the nonsubject sources Australia, India, Japan, Sweden, and Thailand to apparent U.S. consumption:
 - In 2001: 1.1 percent.
 - In January-June 2001: 1.1 percent.
 - In January-June 2002: 0.4 percent.
6. Ratio of quantity of U.S. imports from other nonsubject sources to apparent U.S. consumption:
 - In 2001: 1.2 percent.
 - In January-June 2001: 1.5 percent.
 - In January-June 2002: 1.7 percent.

² Concurrent antidumping investigations were completed with respect to imports from Australia, India, Japan, Sweden, and Thailand. On August 27, 2002, the Commission determined that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of certain cold-rolled steel products from Australia, India, Japan, Sweden, and Thailand. *See*, 67 FR 58074, September 13, 2002.

Table
 Certain cold-rolled steel products: U.S. imports, by months, January-June 2001 and
 January-June 2002

Source	January	February	March	April	May	June
	Quantity (short tons)					
2001:						
Argentina	14,204	3,149	18,518	4,276	13,423	12,756
Belgium	7,941	5,107	1,984	35,287	593	752
Brazil	25,187	16,036	19,883	21,244	19,950	14,524
China	8,190	1,110	2,919	4,671	6,814	10,204
France	13,850	8,067	10,104	9,837	8,881	9,918
Germany	711	1,556	528	3,882	3,214	801
Korea	2,670	17,451	52,757	42,926	31,732	32,303
The Netherland	0	24	4,033	1,663	683	5,892
New Zealand	2,081	2,082	1,207	2,755	1,640	1,802
Russia	30,075	25,685	4,931	7,585	28,771	42,874
South Africa	20	0	26	12,100	12,135	4,400
Spain	1,924	2,610	1,632	3,268	2,068	2,673
Taiwan	4,597	504	4,694	83	6,231	2,795
Turkey	8,042	6,714	2,811	10,826	3,730	15,207
Venezuela	9,796	6,201	5,093	4,598	4,894	0
Subtotal	129,288	96,294	131,121	165,003	144,759	156,902
Australia	5,650	297	6,965	135	4,907	4,730
India	82	115	41	192	105	20
Japan	19,926	20,548	23,161	22,077	24,456	22,397
Sweden	357	5,268	254	8,329	225	1,465
Thailand	8,434	0	0	10,070	0	9
All other source	46,971	39,228	40,821	35,181	40,258	36,926
Total	210,708	161,750	202,363	240,987	214,711	222,449
2002:						
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	196	149	19	8,503	324	110
Brazil	2,923	11,971	310	461	66	84
China	5,536	31,677	3	0	0	0
France	12,557	9,851	2,512	2,207	3,471	118
Germany	2,933	2,136	1,006	1,689	802	1,637
Korea	27,114	22,492	1,396	4,676	3,586	120
The Netherland	5,604	1,177	5,201	9,649	762	1,907
New Zealand	2,194	2,949	295	0	0	0
Russia	18,809	30,385	56,216	0	0	0
South Africa	21,083	3,150	0	0	0	0
Spain	9	97	0	0	21	0
Taiwan	6,944	2,003	531	0	0	17
Turkey	1,778	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	2,711	15,732	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	110,391	133,770	67,488	27,187	9,033	3,992
Australia	2	6,503	0	0	0	2
India	1,424	42	115	606	1	0
Japan	43,148	15,396	5,394	5,982	2,674	3,120
Sweden	1,162	683	525	237	387	1,294
Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other source	34,666	34,977	33,991	53,025	57,976	77,393
Total	190,793	191,371	107,513	87,037	70,071	85,802

Note: Import data are based on the following 34 Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) statistical reporting numbers: 7209.15.0000, 7209.16.0030, 7209.16.0060, 7209.16.0090, 7209.17.0030, 7209.17.0060, 7209.17.0090, 7209.18.1530, 7209.18.1560, 7209.18.2550, 7209.18.6000, 7209.25.0000, 7209.26.0 7209.27.0000, 7209.28.0000, 7209.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.23.1500, 7211.23.2 7211.23.3000, 7211.23.4500, 7211.23.6030, 7211.23.6060, 7211.23.6085, 7211.29.2030, 7211.29.2 7211.29.4500, 7211.29.6030, 7211.29.6080, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, 7212.50.0

Source: Compiled from official statistics of Commerce.