

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN CARBON AND ALLOY STEEL  
PRODUCTS**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1002**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION FINDING NON-PARTICIPATING RESPONDENTS IN  
DEFAULT**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ") initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 33), finding certain non-participating respondents in default.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Megan M Valentine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2301. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission instituted this investigation on June 2, 2016, based on a complaint filed by United States Steel Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ("U.S. Steel"), alleging a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337. 81 *Fed. Reg.* 35381 (June 2, 2016). The notice of investigation named numerous respondents, including the following: Shandong Iron and Steel Group Co. Ltd., of Jinan City, China, Shandong Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. of Jinan City, China, Jigang Hong Kong Holdings Co., Ltd. of Hong Kong, China, and Jinan Steel International Trade Co., Ltd. of Jinan City, China (collectively, "Shandong"), and Hunan Valin Steel Co. Ltd. of Changsha City, China and Hunan Valin Xiangtan Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. of Xiangtan City, China (collectively, "Hunan Valin"). *Id.* at 35382. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") was also named as a party. *Id.* The alleged violation of section 337 is based upon the importation into the United States, or in the sale of certain carbon and alloy steel products by reason of: (1) a conspiracy to fix prices and control output and export volumes, the threat or effect of which is to restrain or monopolize trade

and commerce in the United States; (2) misappropriation and use of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States; or (3) false designation of origin or manufacturer, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. *Id.* at 35381.

On August 18, 2016, U.S. Steel filed a motion for an order to show cause why Shandong and Hunan Valin should not be found in default. On September 2, 2016, the ALJ issued Order No. 29, granting U.S. Steel's motion. The ALJ noted that the Commission issued the Notice of Investigation on May 26, 2016. The ALJ further noted that, on that date, the Office of the Secretary attempted to serve a copy of the Complaint and Notice of Investigation upon each named respondent, and service was successful on Shandong and Hunan Valin. Shandong moved for an extension of time to June 30, 2016, to respond to the Complaint and Notice of Investigation and to respond to certain discovery requests. *See* Order No. 11 (June 20, 2016) (granting the motion). Hunan Valin also moved for an extension of time to June 30, 2016, to respond to the Complaint and Notice of Investigation and to respond to certain discovery requests. *See* Order No. 16 (June 27, 2016) (granting the motion). The ALJ found that neither Shandong nor Hunan Valin filed a response to the Complaint and Notice of Investigation on June 30, 2016, and neither Shandong nor Hunan Valin served responses to discovery requests on June 30, 2016. On August 29, 2016, OUII filed a response in support of the motion. No other responses were received.

On September 16, 2016, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 33), finding Shandong and Hunan Valin in default pursuant to Commission rule 210.16(a)(1) (19 C.F.R. § 210.16(a)(1)). The ALJ noted that Shandong and Hunan Valin failed to answer the Complaint and Notice of Investigation and failed to show cause why they should not be found in default.

No petitions for review were filed and the Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. Part 210).

By order of the Commission.



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Secretary to the Commission

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