

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 EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE FOR
COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

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. 77), extending the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to May 9, 2018.

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.* 35381-82 (June 2, 2016). The notice of investigation named numerous respondents, including Jiangsu Shagang Group and Jiangsu Shagang International Trade Co. Ltd. both of Shanghai, China (collectively, "Shagang"); Anshan Iron and Steel Group of Anshan City, China, Angang Group International Trade Corporation of Anshan, China, and Angang Group Hong Kong Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong, China (collectively, "Angang"); Shanghai Baosteel Group Corporation and Baoshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. both of Shanghai, China (collectively, "Baosteel"); Maanshan Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. and Magang (Group) Holding Co. Ltd. both of

Maanshan City, China (collectively, “Masteel”); and Shougang Corporation and China Shougang International Trade and Engineering Corporation both of Beijing, China (collectively “Shougang”). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) was also named as a party. The complaint alleged a violation of section 337 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. The Commission later found several of the distributor respondents to be in default. Notice (Oct. 14, 2016); Notice (Oct. 18, 2016); Notice (Nov. 18, 2016). On March 24, 2017, the Commission terminated the investigation as to the trade secret misappropriation count based on U.S. Steel’s withdrawal of the allegation. Notice (Mar. 24, 2017).

On June 21, 2017, U.S. Steel filed a motion to extend the procedural schedule. On June 26, 2017, pursuant to the shortened response time set forth in Order No. 72 (June 22, 2017), Respondents Shagang, Angang, Baosteel, Masteel, and Shougang filed oppositions to the motion to extend. Also on June 26, 2017, OUII filed a response, arguing that an extension would be premature. On June 27, 2017, U.S. Steel filed a reply in support of its motion.

On June 28, 2017, the ALJ issued the subject ID, granting U.S. Steel’s motion. The ALJ found that extending the procedural schedule will allow for resolution of the parties’ outstanding discovery disputes and the orderly completion of discovery. The ID extends the target date by three weeks to May 9, 2018, in order to accommodate a hearing date of October 16-20, 2017. The ID notes that the final ID shall be due on January 9, 2018.

No petitions for review were filed. 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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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