UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.  
Investigation No. TA-421-6

CIRCULAR WELDED NON-ALLOY STEEL PIPE FROM CHINA

DETERMINATION

On the basis of information developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 421(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974,1 that circular welded non-alloy steel pipe2 from the People’s Republic of China is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.3

(70 FR 58746, October 7, 2005).

RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED REMEDIES

Chairman Stephen Koplan and Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane propose that the President impose an annual quota of 160,000 short tons on imports of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China for a three-year period. They further recommend that, if applications are filed, the President direct

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2 The products subject to this investigation include certain welded carbon quality steel pipes and tubes, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter of 0.372 inches (9.45 mm) or more, but not more than 16 inches (406.4 mm), regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (plain end, beveled end, grooved, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (ASTM, proprietary, or other), generally known as standard pipe and structural pipe (they may also be referred to as structural or mechanical tubing). The term carbon quality steel may include certain low alloy steel imported as other alloy steel pipes and tubes.
3 Vice Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun and Commissioner Daniel R. Pearson make a negative determination.
the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor to provide expedited consideration of trade adjustment assistance for firms and/or workers affected by the subject imports.

Commissioner Jennifer A. Hillman and Commissioner Shara L. Aranoff propose that the President impose a tariff-rate quota for a period of three years on imports of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China as follows: 267,468 short tons in the first year of relief, 280,841 short tons in the second year, and 308,925 short tons in the third year, with subject pipe entered within the quota subject to the current rate of duty of “Free,” and over-quota imports subject to a duty of 25 percent ad valorem. They further recommend that, if applications are filed, the President direct the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor to provide expedited consideration of any petitions for trade adjustment assistance filed by firms or workers affected by the subject imports.

BACKGROUND

Following receipt of a petition, on August 2, 2005, on behalf of Allied Tube and Conduit Corp., Harvey, IL; IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Camanche, IA; Maruichi American Corp., Santa Fe Springs, CA; Maverick Tube Corp., Chesterfield, MO; Sharon Tube Co., Sharon, PA; Western Tube Conduit Corp., Long Beach, CA; Wheatland Tube Co., Wheatland, PA.; and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Pittsburgh, PA; the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-421-06, Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from China, under section 421(b) of the Act to determine whether circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.

Notice of the institution of the Commission’s investigation and of the scheduling of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting a copy of the notice on the Commission’s website (www.usitc.gov) and by publishing the notice in the Federal Register of August 10, 2005 (70 FR 46543). The hearing was held on September 16, 2005 in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3807 (October 2005), entitled Circular Welded Non-alloy Steel Pipe from China: Investigation No. TA-421-6.

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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