
US ITC continue cases on copper tubes from China and Mexico

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The United States International Trade Commission determined that there is a reasonable indication that a US industry is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube from China and Mexico that are allegedly sold in the US at less than fair value.

Commissioners Mr Charlotte R Lane, Mr Irving A Williamson and Mr Dean A Pinkert made affirmative determinations. Chairman Mr Shara L Aranoff, vice chairman Mr Daniel R Pearson and Commissioner Mr Deanna Tanner Okun made affirmative determinations on the basis of threat.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determinations, the US Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its antidumping duty investigations on imports of this product from China and Mexico, with its preliminary determinations due on or about March 9th 2010.

The Commission's public report Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from China and Mexico will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigations: Preliminary antidumping.
2. Petitioners: Cerro Flow Products Inc., St. Louis, MO; Kobe Wieland Copper Products LLC, Pine Hall, NC; Mueller Copper Tube Products Inc and Mueller Copper Tube Company Inc, Memphis, TN.
3. Preliminary investigations instituted by the USITC: September 30th 2009.
4. Commission's conference: October 21st 2009.
5. USITC vote: November 13th 2009.
6. USITC determinations to the US Department of Commerce: November 16th 2009.
7. USITC views to the US Department of Commerce: November 23rd 2009.

US Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2008: 12.
2. Location of producers' plants: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2008: 3,166.
4. Apparent US consumption in 2008: 867.8 million pounds.
5. Ratio of quantities of total US imports to total US consumption in 2008: 28.5%.

US Imports:

1. From the subject countries during 2008: USD 728.2 million.
2. From other countries during 2008: USD 268.2 million.
3. Leading source during 2008: China, Mexico, Canada and Malaysia.

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