



INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary)

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Mexico and Turkey of steel concrete reinforcing bar, provided for in subheadings 7213.10, 7214.20, and 7228.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), and by imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar that are allegedly subsidized by the government of Turkey.²

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner Shara L. Aranoff dissenting with regard to subject imports from Mexico.

affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

BACKGROUND

On September 4, 2013, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members: Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, NC; Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc., Tampa, FL; Commercial Metals Company, Irving, TX; Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc., McMinnville, OR; and Byer Steel Corporation, Cincinnati, OH, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Turkey and LTFV imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Mexico and Turkey. Accordingly, effective September 4, 2013, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-502 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of September 11, 2013 (78 FR 55755). The conference was held in

Washington, DC, on September 25, 2013, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on November 6, 2013.³ The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4432 (November 2013), entitled *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228*.

By order of the Commission.

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³ Due to the lapse in appropriations and ensuing cessation of Commission operations, all import injury investigations conducted under authority of Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 have been tolled by 16 days. 78 FR 64011, October 25, 2013.