

Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China
Notice No.62 (2018)

On 22 June 2018, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China received an antidumping petition filed by Shanxi Taiyuan Iron and Steel Group on behalf of the domestic Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate industry. The petitioner requested MOFCOM to conduct an anti-dumping investigation against the imported of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate from the EU, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. Pursuant to the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce examined the standing of the petitioner, the relevant information of the subject merchandise, the information of the domestic like products in China, the impact of the subject merchandise on the Chinese domestic industry, and relevant situation of the alleged country and region, etc.

The prima facie evidences provided by the petitioner show that the outputs of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate of the petitioner in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 accounted for more than 50% of the total output of the like products in China for the same period, and therefore satisfy the requirements defined by Article 11 and 13 of the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China. Also, the petition includes the content and evidence required in Article 14 and 15 of the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China regarding the initiation of anti-dumping investigation.

In view of the above results of the review and Article 16 of the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Commerce decided to initiate an anti-dumping investigation against imported Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate from the EU, Japan, Korea and Indonesia since 23 July 2018.

The relevant details are hereby made public as follows:

I. Initiation and Period of Investigation

From the date when this notice is publicized, MOFCOM will conduct an antidumping investigation on the import of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate from the EU, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. The period of the dumping investigation is from 1 January 2017 to 31 December, 2017. The period of the injury investigation is from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2018.

II. The Subject Merchandise and Investigation Scope

Investigation scope: Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate (Coil) from the EU, Japan, Korea and Indonesia

Subject merchandise: Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate (Coil)

It is listed under HS codes listed in the *Customs Import and Export Tariff of the People's Republic of China*: 72189100、72189900、72191100、72191200、72191312、72191319、72191322、72191329、72191412、72191419、72191422、72191429、

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72192100、72192200、72192300、72192410、72192420、72192430、72201100、72201200

III. Respondent Registration

For the dumping investigation, any interested party can apply responses to the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM within 20 days from the date of initiation. Interested parties should provide information according to the reference of registration form, such as quantity and value of the product, capacity during the injury investigation, output, inventory, construction and expansion plan. The reference registration form can be downloaded at relevant webpage.

The Interested parties in the Notice refer to individuals and organisations as in the Article 19 of the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China.

IV. Access to Public Information

The interested parties can download from relevant website or go to the Trade Remedy Public Information Office (phone number: 0086-10-65197878) to search, read and copy non-confidential documents of the case.

V. Comments on Initiation of the case

The interested parties can submit their comments to MOFCOM in written form within the above-mentioned time period if they have different opinions on the product scope of the investigation, the standing of the petitioners, the alleged countries and regions and other relevant issues.

VI. Investigation Approaches

According to Article 20 of the *Antidumping Regulations of the People's Republic of China*, MOFCOM may conduct the investigation and acquire information from the interested parties by means of questionnaire, sampling, public hearing, on-the-spot verification, etc.

For acquiring necessary information for this investigation, MOFCOM usually issues the investigation questionnaires to foreign exporters or producers, domestic producers and importers within 10 working days upon the ending of registration set by this Notice. The interested parties participating in investigation registration may also download investigation questionnaires from relevant websites.

Antidumping Investigation Questionnaire for Foreign Exporter or Producer of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate requires information such as company structure and operation, subject merchandise, export sales to China (mainland), domestic sales, business operation and financial information, production cost and related expenses, estimated dumping margin and checklist. *Antidumping Investigation Questionnaire for Domestic Producer of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate* requires information such as company basic information, information of domestic like products, business operation and

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financial information and other issues need to be explained. *Antidumping Investigation Questionnaire for Domestic Importer of Stainless Steel Billet and Hot-rolled Stainless Steel Plate* requires information such as company basic information and trading information of the subject merchandise and relevant information.

Other interested parties who do not register may directly download aforementioned investigation questionnaires from relevant websites or request them from the Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM and fill in them according to relevant requirements.

All companies shall submit complete and accurate response within the provided time period. The response should include all information required in the investigation questionnaire.

VII. Submission and processing of Confidential Information

For confidential information, interested parties can submit request and reason to MOFCOM for confidential processing of the information. If MOFCOM agrees the request, the interested party should submit the non-confidential outline summary of the confidential information. The outline should include sufficient meaningful information of its rationality. If the interested party cannot provide the outline, it should clarify the reasons. If the interested party does not indicate confidential requests when submit information, MOFCOM will conduct the information as non-confidential.

VIII. Result of Non-cooperation

According to the Article 21 of the Anti-Dumping Regulation of the People's Republic of China, the interested parties shall provide authentic information and relevant documentation to the Ministry of Commerce in the process of the investigation. In the event that any interested party does not provide authentic information and relevant documentation, or does not provide necessary information within a reasonable time limit, or significantly impedes the investigation in other ways, the Ministry of Commerce may make determinations on the basis of the facts already known and the best information available.

IX. The investigation Period

The investigation starts from 23 July 2018 and shall normally end before 23 July 2019. The period can be extended to 23 January 2020 under special circumstances.

X. Contact Method of MOFCOM:

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Relevant websites:

1. The website of Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau: <http://trb.mofcom.gov.cn>
2. The website of China Trade Remedy Information: <http://cacs.mofcom.gov.cn>

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