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Inv. Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (P)

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USITC VOTES TO CONTINUE CASES ON STEEL CONCRETE REINFORCING BAR FROM MEXICO AND TURKEY

The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) today determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Mexico and Turkey that are allegedly sold in the United States at less than fair value and allegedly subsidized by the government of Turkey.

Chairman Irving A. Williamson and Commissioners Dean A. Pinkert, David S. Johanson, and Meredith M. Broadbent voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Shara L. Aranoff voted in the affirmative with respect to subject imports from Turkey and in the negative with respect to subject imports from Mexico. Commissioner F. Scott Kieff did not participate in these investigations.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determinations, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its investigations on imports of this products with its preliminary countervailing duty determination concerning Turkey due on or about December 16, 2013, and its preliminary antidumping duty determinations concerning Mexico and Turkey due on or about February 27, 2014.

The Commission's public report *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey* (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 4432, November 2013) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigations.

Copies of the report are expected to be available after December 5, 2013, by emailing pubrequest@usitc.gov, calling 202-205-2000, or writing to the Office of the Secretary, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Requests may also be faxed to 202-205-2104.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
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FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary)

Product Description: Rebar is a long-rolled steel product that is commonly used in construction projects to provide strength to concrete. Rebar can be shipped in either straight lengths or coils. Coiled rebar is produced in smaller sizes than straight lengths and is used for smaller, more complex applications.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigations: Preliminary antidumping and countervailing duty.
2. Petitioners: Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members: Nucor Corporation;

Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc.; Commercial Metals Company; Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc.; and Byer Steel Corporation

3. Preliminary investigations instituted by the USITC: September 4, 2013.
4. Commission's conference: September 25, 2013.
5. USITC vote: November 1, 2013.
6. USITC determinations issued: November 6, 2013.
7. USITC views issued: November 14, 2013.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2012: Nine.
2. Location of producers' plants: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2012: 4,167 workers.
4. Apparent U.S. consumption in 2012: \$4.7 billion.
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to total U.S. consumption in 2012: 12.0 percent.

U.S. Imports:

1. From the subject countries during 2012: \$565 million.
2. From other countries during 2012: \$37.6 million.
3. Leading sources during 2012: Turkey, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic.

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