



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### [Investigation Nos. 701-TA-557 and 731-TA-1312 (Preliminary)]

#### Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from China

#### DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of stainless steel sheet and strip from China, provided for in subheadings 7219.13.00, 7219.14.00, 7219.23.00, 7219.24.00, 7219.32.00, 7219.33.00, 7219.34.00, 7219.35.00, 7219.90.00, 7220.12.10, 7220.12.50, 7220.20.10, 7220.20.60, 7220.20.70, 7220.20.90, and 7220.90.00 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 are allegedly subsidized by the government of China.

#### 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

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<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of 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 February 12, 2016, AK Steel Corp., West Chester, Ohio; Allegheny Ludlum, LLC d/b/a ATI Flat Rolled Products, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; North American Stainless, Inc., Ghent, Kentucky; and Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC, Bannockburn, Illinois filed a petition with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV and subsidized imports of stainless steel sheet and strip from China. Accordingly, effective February 12, 2016, the Commission, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-557 and antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-1312 (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 February 19, 2016 (81 FR 8544). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 4, 2016, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on March 28, 2016. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4603 (April 2016), entitled *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from China: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-557 and 731-TA-1312 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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