

**ITC VOTES TO CONTINUE CASE ON CERTAIN STEEL THREADED ROD
FROM CHINA**

The United States International Trade Commission (ITC or Commission) today determined that there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of certain steel threaded rod from China that is allegedly sold in the United States at less than fair value.

All six Commissioners voted in the affirmative.

As a result of the Commission's affirmative determination, the U.S. Department of Commerce will continue to conduct its antidumping investigation of imports of this product from China, with its preliminary determination due on or about August 12, 2008.

The Commission's public report Certain Steel Threaded Rod from China (Investigation No. 731-TA-1145 (Preliminary), USITC Publication 3996, April 2008) will contain the views of the Commission and information developed during the investigation.

Copies of the report are expected to be available after May 19, 2008, by emailing pubrequest@usitc.gov, by calling 202-205-2000, or by 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
Office of Industries
Washington, DC 20436

FACTUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Certain Steel Threaded Rod from China
Investigation No. 731-TA-1145 (Preliminary)

Product Description: The steel threaded rod in this investigation is made from carbon steel, can be any length or diameter, and into which threaded grooves have been applied along its length. A variety of finishes or coatings, such as a plain oil finish, zinc coating (i.e., galvanized), paint, and other similar finishes and coatings, may be applied to the merchandise. Threaded rod is primarily used in commercial construction to suspend conduit, pipes, and ductwork. Normally one end of the threaded rod is fastened to the ceiling and the other end is fastened to the support that is holding the pipes or ductwork.

Status of Proceedings:

1. Type of investigations: Preliminary antidumping.
2. Petitioner: Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc., Pelham, AL
3. Preliminary investigations instituted by the USITC: March 5, 2008.

4. Commission's conference: March 26, 2008.
5. USITC vote: April 18, 2008.
6. USITC determinations to the U.S. Department of Commerce: April 21, 2008.
7. USITC views to the U.S. Department of Commerce: April 28, 2008.

U.S. Industry:

1. Number of producers in 2007: Nine.
2. Location of producers' plants: Alabama, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
3. Employment of production and related workers in 2007: 133.
4. Apparent U.S. consumption in 2007: \$87.2 million.
5. Ratio of the value of total U.S. imports to total U.S. consumption in 2007: 52.1%.

U.S. Imports:

1. From China during 2007: \$28.8 million.
2. From other countries during 2007: \$8.9 million.
3. Leading sources during 2007: China and India.