



A-570-909
Scope Inquiry
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June 23, 2017

RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Scope Inquiry
Initiation

Dear Interested Parties:

On February 14, 2017, Simpson requested that the Department issue a scope ruling to determine whether the “Crimp Drive” anchors it imports from the PRC are subject to the antidumping duty order on certain steel nails from the People's Republic of China.¹ Between February 15, 2017, and March 16, 2017, Simpson submitted amendments to its scope request addressing certifications of service to interested parties.²

On March 2, 2017, the Department requested samples of each of the products that Simpson requested a scope determination on by the Department.³ Between March 28, 2017, and April 4, 2017, Simpson submitted product samples subject to the scope request.⁴ With the submission of the product samples on March 28, 2017, the Department accepted Simpson's scope request as being properly filed pursuant to our regulations.

On March 23, 2017, the petitioner (Mid Continent Steel & Wire, Inc.) submitted comments in opposition to Simpson's scope request.⁵ Additionally, on April 13, 2017, Simpson submitted rebuttal comments to the petitioner's opposition comments.⁶

On May 2, 2017, the Department met with the petitioner to view the product samples submitted by Simpson for this scope request.⁷ On May 3, 2017, the Department extended the time period for issuing a scope ruling or initiation of a formal scope inquiry by an additional 45 days until June 26, 2017.⁸

In order to fully consider the submissions that we have received in connection with Simpson's

¹ See Simpson's Crimp Drive Scope Request.

² See Simpson's Service List Amendment; Simpson's Certified List Amendment; and Letter to Simpson Strong-Tie Company from the Department, “Request for Certified Service List,” dated March 15, 2017.

³ See Letter to Simpson Strong-Tie Company from the Department, “Request for Product Samples,” dated March 2, 2017.

⁴ See March 28 Product Samples Letter; Letter from Simpson Strong-Tie Company to the Department, regarding “Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China (A-570-909) for Simpson Strong-Tie's “Crimp Drive” anchor: Additional Product Samples,” dated April 4, 2017.

⁵ See Letter from Mid Continent Steel & Wire, Inc. to the Department, “Re: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Opposition to Simpson Strong-Tie's Request for Scope Ruling on Crimp Shank Nails,” dated March 23, 2017.

⁶ See Letter from Simpson Strong-Tie Company to the Department, “RE: Reply to Opposition Comments on Scope Inquiry: Scope Inquiry on Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China (A-570-909) for Simpson Strong-Tie's “Crimp Drive” Anchor,” dated April 13, 2017.

⁷ See Memorandum from the Department to the File, “RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Samples of Simpson Strong-tie Company's Crimp Drive Anchors,” dated May 2, 2017.

⁸ See Letter to All Interested Parties from the Department, “Extension of Scope Ruling Request for Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Simpson Strong-Tie Company,” dated May 3, 2017.

scope ruling request, the Department is initiating a formal scope inquiry pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(e). This formal initiation does not preclude us from issuing a decision based on the criteria enumerated in 19 CFR 351.225(k)(1).

In completing its analysis, the Department will consider any new written arguments and supporting documentation that the interested parties submit within the time limits specified in the following paragraph. Documents that are not submitted through ACCESS, or otherwise placed on the record, will **not** constitute part of the administrative record attendant to this scope proceeding.

Given that the interested parties have, as noted above, submitted information addressing the criteria under both 19 CFR 351.225(k)(1) and (k)(2), interested parties will have 10 days to provide any new comments on, and supporting factual information relating to, the inquiry, and five days to provide any rebuttal to such comments. Accordingly, comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **July 3, 2017**, and rebuttal comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **July 10, 2017**.⁹ The Department intends to issue its final determination within 120 days from this initiation, no later than **October 23, 2017**, as specified in 19 CFR 351.225(f)(5).¹⁰

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Julia Hancock at (202) 482-1394.

Sincerely,



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⁹ Deadlines that fall on weekends move to the next business day. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

¹⁰ *Id.*