



A-570-909  
Scope Inquiry  
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RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Scope Inquiry Initiation

Dear Interested Parties:

On January 6, 2017, the Department of Commerce (Department) received a request for a scope ruling from Simpson Strong-Tie Company (Simpson) to determine whether Simpson's split-drive anchors are covered by the *Order*<sup>1</sup> pertaining to certain steel nails from the People's Republic of China (PRC).<sup>2</sup> On February 16, 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 April 7, 2017.<sup>3</sup>

On February 16, 2017, the Department requested samples of each of the products Simpson requested a scope ruling for.<sup>4</sup> On February 17, 2017, Mid Continent Steel and Wire, Inc. (the petitioners) submitted their opposition to Simpson's scope request.<sup>5</sup> On February 24, 2017, the Department received the requested samples.<sup>6</sup> On March 24, 2017, the Department met with the petitioners to view the product samples submitted by Simpson.<sup>7</sup> On April 4, 2017, Simpson submitted rebuttal comments to the opposition comments filed by Mid Continent.<sup>8</sup> On May 4, 2017, the Department identified errors within Simpson's scope ruling request and considered it improperly filed.<sup>9</sup> On May 8, 2017, Simpson properly refiled its scope inquiry request.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China*, 73 FR 44961 (August 1, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> See 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 "Split-Drive anchor," (January 6, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> See Letter to All Interested Parties from the Department, "Scope Ruling Request for Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Simpson Strong-Tie Company," (February 16, 2017).

<sup>4</sup> See Letter to Simpson Strong-Tie Company from the Department (February 16, 2017)

<sup>5</sup> 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 Split Shank Nails" (February 17, 2017).

<sup>6</sup> See Letter from the Department to the File, "RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Samples of Simpson Strong-tie Company's Split Drive Anchors," (February 24, 2017).

<sup>7</sup> See Memo to the File, "RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Samples of Simpson Strong-tie Company's Split Drive Anchors, Midwest Fasteners' strike pin anchors, and Fastenal's zinc and nylon anchors," (March 30, 2017).

<sup>8</sup> See Letter from Simpson Strong-Tie Company to the Department, "RE: Reply Comments on Scope Inquiry: Scope Inquiry on Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China (A-570-909) for Simpson Strong-Tie's "Split-Drive Anchor," (April 4, 2017) (Simpson's Rebuttal Comments).

<sup>9</sup> See Letter from the Department to the File, "RE: Certain Steel Nails from the People's Republic of China: Additional Information Required for Scope Ruling Request" (May 4, 2017).

<sup>10</sup> See 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 "Split-Drive anchor," (May 8, 2017).

In order to fully consider the submissions that we received in connection with Simpson's scope ruling request, the Department is initiating a formal scope inquiry pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(e). This formal initiation does not necessarily 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 additional 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.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.225(f)(1)(iii), interested parties have 20 days to provide comments on, and supporting factual information relating to, the inquiry, and 10 days to provide any rebuttal to such comments. Accordingly, comments are due no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on **August 27, 2017**, and rebuttal comments are due no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on **September 6, 2017**. The Department intends to issue its final determination within 120 days from this initiation, on **December 5, 2017**, as specified in 19 CFR 351.225(f)(5).

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Annathea Cook or Susan Pulongbarit at (202) 482-0250 or at (202) 482-4031, respectively.

Sincerely,



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