

## **New Canadian Anti-dumping Investigation on Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam**

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On 22 September 2020, following a Complaint filed by AltaSteel Inc., ArcelorMittal Long Products Canada, G.P., and Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) initiated an anti-dumping investigation under the *Special Import Measures Act* with respect to the alleged injurious dumping of certain concrete reinforcing bar from Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

This is the third anti-dumping investigation of imported concrete reinforcing bar since 2014. According to the CBSA's Investigation Schedule, importers are required to file their response to the CBSA's Request for Information by October 15th. Exporters must file their response by October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The CBSA is expected to issue its preliminary determination on or by December 21<sup>st</sup>. On that date, provisional anti-dumping duties could be imposed on imports of subject concrete reinforcing bar from the above-referenced countries.

The Notice of Initiation of Investigation provides the following information regarding the concrete reinforcing bar subject to this investigation:

Hot rolled deformed steel concrete reinforcing bar in straight lengths or coils, commonly identified as rebar, in various diameters up to and including 56.4 millimeters, in various finishes, excluding plain round bar and fabricated rebar products, originating in or exported the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Italian Republic, the Federation of Malaysia, the Republic of Singapore and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Also excluded is 10 mm diameter (10M) rebar produced to meet the requirements of CSA G30 18.09 (or equivalent standards) and coated to meet the requirements of epoxy standard ASTM A775/A 775M 04a (or equivalent standards) in lengths from 1 foot (30.48 cm) up to and including 8 feet (243.84 cm).

For further clarity, the subject goods include all hot rolled deformed bar, rolled from billet steel, rail steel, axle steel, low alloy-steel and other alloy steel that does not comply with the definition of stainless steel.

Uncoated rebar, sometimes referred to as black rebar, is generally used for projects in non corrosive environments where anti-corrosion coatings are not required. On the other hand, anti corrosion coated rebar is used in concrete projects that are subjected to corrosive environments, such as road salt. Examples of anti corrosion coated rebar are epoxy or hot dip galvanized rebar. The subject goods include uncoated rebar and rebar that has a coating or finish applied.

Fabricated rebar products are generally engineered using Computer Automated Design programs, and are made to the customer's unique project requirements. The fabricated rebar products are normally finished with either a protective or corrosion resistant coating. Rebar that is simply cut to length is not considered to be a fabricated rebar product excluded from the definition of subject goods.

Tereposky & DeRose has extensive experience in anti-dumping investigations. Should you have any questions regarding this investigation, we are at your disposal.

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