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Anti-Dumping

Certain Carbon Steel Pipe Nipples & Adapter Fittings

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The following information was compiled by Russell A. Farrow Limited.

On February 28, 2008 CBSA (Canada Border Services Agency) concluded its re-investigation respecting the injurious dumping of **Certain Carbon Steel Pipe Nipples and Adaptor Fittings** originating in or exported from the **Peoples Republic of China**. The CBSA concluded that these goods continue to be dumped into Canada. The current rate of Anti-dumping to be collected is **153% on Pipe Nipples** and **117% on the Adaptor Fittings**.

The goods that are the subject of this investigation are described by the CBSA as:

Product Definition

[15] The goods subject to this expiry review are defined as:
Carbon steel pipe nipples and adaptor fittings, in nominal diameters up to and including 6 inches or the metric equivalent, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China.

Additional Product Information

[16] The subject goods are normally produced to ASTM[3], UL[4] or CSA[5] specifications, or specifications in other recognized designation systems, or to a proprietary specification standard.

[17] The subject goods include: carbon steel pipe nipples manufactured to conform with ASTM specification A733, including pipe nipples greater than 12 inches in length referred to as "ready cut pipe"; carbon steel electrical conduit nipples manufactured to conform with UL6 or CSA C22.2 No. 45-M1981 specifications and adaptor fittings consisting of combination nipples, hose menders and male adaptors. The subject goods are available in a variety of finishes.

[18] Pipe nipples are manufactured in accordance with ASTM specification A733 from carbon steel pipe complying with: ASTM A53 type F (welded), grade A; ASTM A53 type E (electric resistance welded), grades A and B; ASTM A53 type S (seamless), grades A and B; ASTM A106 (seamless), grades A and B or ASME[6] SA53 type F (welded), grade A; ASME SA53 type E (electric resistance welded), grades A and B; ASME SA53 type S (seamless), grades A and B and ASME SA106 (seamless), grades A and B. In addition, they are manufactured in various wall thicknesses of carbon steel pipe, namely schedule 40, schedule 80, schedule 160 or standard, XS (extra strong) and XXS (double extra strong), XH (extra heavy) and XXH (double extra heavy). For further clarity, carbon steel seamless pipe nipples manufactured for high pressure applications are not covered by the definition of subject goods.

[19] The lengths of the pipe nipples begin at "close" through to 72 inches long. A "close" pipe nipple is the shortest length and is threaded from each end with the thread meeting in the middle. Pipe nipples up to 24 inches in length typically increase in ½ inch to 1 inch increments depending on the nominal diameter. In addition, pipe nipples greater than 12 inches in length are sometimes referred to as "ready cut pipe" and typically increase in 6 inch to 12 inch increments. However, custom lengths are available. The configuration on either end of a pipe nipple could be taper pipe threaded, square cut, reamed and

chamfered, grooved or any combination of these. Threads are right hand on each end unless otherwise specified. Left hand threads or plain ends or combinations are available. All threads conform to ANSI /ASME standard B1.20.1. The pipe nipples are available in a variety of finishes, typically black or galvanized coatings.

[20] Electrical conduit nipples are manufactured to UL 6 or CSA C22.2 No. 45-M1981 specifications. They are normally produced from welded carbon steel tube. Nominal diameters range from ½ inch to 6 inches. For the electrical conduit nipples the nominal lengths begin at "close" through to 12 inches long, typically increasing in ½ inch increments and each end has a tapered pipe thread conforming to ANSI/ASME standard B1.20.1. Electrical conduit nipples are finished with a protective zinc coating or an alternative corrosion-resistant coating.

[21] Adaptor fittings consist of combination nipples, hose menders and male adaptors. Combination nipples and hose menders are manufactured from welded or seamless carbon steel tube or pipe in nominal diameters from ½ inch to 6 inches. Combination nipples have a tapered pipe thread on one end, which conforms to ANSI/ASME standard B1.20.1, the other end has hose serrations. Hose menders have hose serrations on both ends. These fittings are available in a variety of finishes, typically black or galvanized coatings.

[22] Male adaptors are manufactured from either welded or seamless carbon steel tube or pipe in nominal diameters ranging from ½ inch to 4 inches. Male adaptors are also referred to as "king nipples" and have a tapered pipe thread on one end, which conforms to ANSI/ASME standard B1.20.1 while the other end has tube serrations. These fittings are typically finished in a galvanized coating.

The subject goods are normally imported under the following HS classification numbers:

7307.99.99.11 and 7307.99.99.19

The CITT (Canadian International Trade Tribunal) has launched an expiry review regarding continuing injury in this case. This finding is expected to be published on July 15, 2008.

Further information is available as follows:

Regarding the CBSA re-investigation into dumping:

http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/er-rre/rr2007-003/rr2007-003-e07-de-eng.pdf

Regarding the CITT investigation into injury:

http://www.citt-tcce.gc.ca/dumping/reviews/notices/rrin01_e.asp

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