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**NFDA Fact File on the  
Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Certain  
Standard Steel Fasteners from the Peoples' Republic of China and Taiwan**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, Nucor Fastener Division (through its Attorney's Wiley Rein LLP) filed a petition before the United States International Trade Commission requesting the imposition of Anti dumping and countervailing duties on certain standard steel fasteners from the Peoples' Republic of China and Taiwan.

Nucor alleges that certain fasteners imported from China and Taiwan are being sold (and will likely be sold) at less than normal value given subsidies by the Chinese and Taiwanese governments. The merchandise covered by the investigation includes:

“certain standard nuts, bolts and cap screws of steel other than stainless steel, whether or not coated. Bolts and cap screws covered by the investigation possess either a round-shaped (i.e., domed shaped) or hexagonal-shaped head and having a shank or thread with a full or nominal diameter of 6 millimeters or more. Cap screws covered by the investigation typically have an attached washer face or the equivalent (e.g., chamfered corners on the underside of a fastener with a hexagonal-shaped head). Bolts and cap screws are covered by the investigation regardless of whether or not other attachments (e.g., nuts or washers) are connected to them. Nuts are covered by the investigation if they are suitable for attachment to bolts and/or cap screws covered by the investigation.”

Nucor also alleges that these sales have materially injured the U.S. fastener manufacturing industry and will continue to injure this industry unless remedial actions are taken such as the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties. The alleged dumping margins for subject imports from China ranged from 68.70 percent to 185.95 percent and the alleged dumping margins for subject imports from Taiwan ranged from 49.59 percent to 111.84 percent.

According to the ITC, the preliminary phase of the proceedings was begun September 23<sup>rd</sup> and questionnaires have been distributed throughout the industry. Those questionnaires are due to the ITC no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>. A determination on whether or not to proceed to the final phase will be made on November 9<sup>th</sup> and will be transmitted to the Department of Commerce by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Recently, a similar investigation for threaded rod was undertaken and took approximately 1 year to proceed from preliminary phase to final determination.

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