

Summary of the Written Application from the Domestic Industry

On February 27, 2026, the Minister of Finance received an application to impose the anti-dumping duties on Hot-rolled steel coil, sheet and strip* (hereinafter referred to as “the subject product”) originating in the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “Korea”), the People’s Republic of China (excluding the regions of Hong Kong and Macao; hereinafter referred to as “China”) and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (hereinafter referred to as “Taiwan”) from applicants* (NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION, JFE Steel Corporation, Kobe Steel, Ltd and Nakayama Steel Works, Ltd). The outline of the written application is as follows.

*Note: The collective output of the applicants constitutes more than 50% of the total domestic production.

1. Dumped imports

Compared to the export price from Korea, China and Taiwan to Japan and the normal value**, there is a fact that the subject product was imported at a dumped price because the export price is lower than the normal value. The rate of dumping margin*** of the subject product ranged from 3% to 20% for exports from Korea, from 20% to 40% for exports from China and from 3% to 20% for exports from Taiwan.

**Note: Article 8.1, Customs Tariff Law

***Note: Rate of dumping margin (%) = ((Normal Value - Export Price)/Export Price) × 100

2. Material injury, etc., to the domestic industry

a. The import volume of the subject product increased from 1,225,949 tons in fiscal year 2021 to 1,430,415 tons during the period from October 2024 to September 2025. In these periods, the market share of imports in aggregate domestic demand has increased.

b. The sales price of the subject product in Japan has been significantly lower than that of the like product produced by the applicants since fiscal year 2022 and the domestic producers were forced to lower their prices and were prevented from setting sales prices that reflect the increase in the manufacturing costs.

c. Due to a. and b. above, the domestic industry suffered material injury, with the operating profit margin remaining at a low level.

3. Therefore, the applicants request the imposition of the anti-dumping duties on hot-rolled steel coil, sheet and strip originating in Korea, China and Taiwan.