

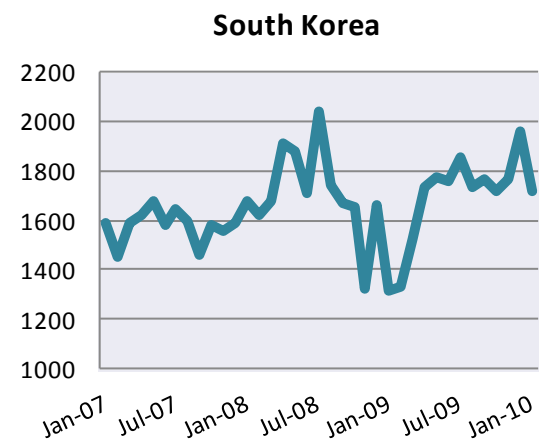
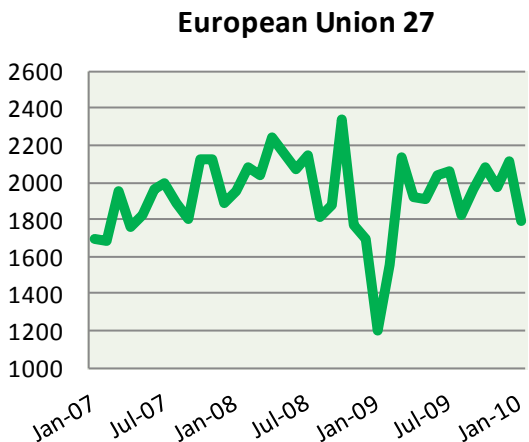
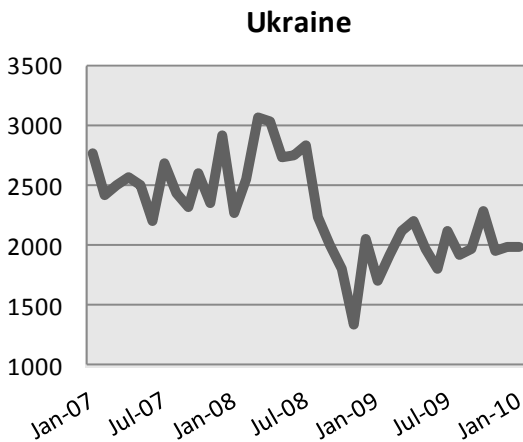
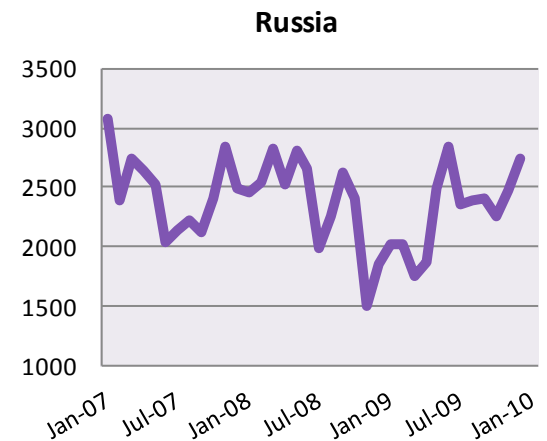
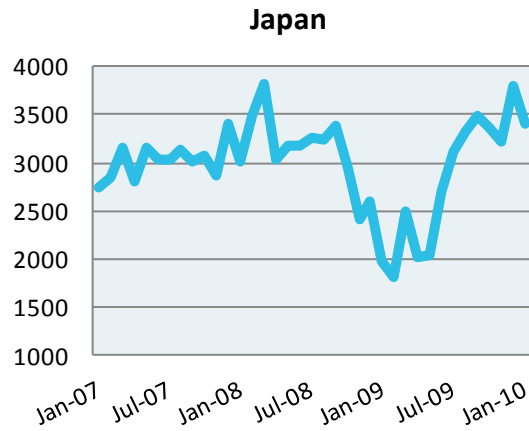
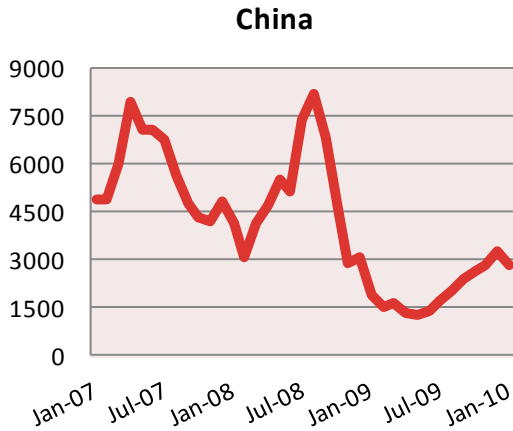


Recent trends in steel trade & related policy measures

DSTI/SU/SC(2010)11
68th Steel Committee Meeting
Paris
6-7 May 2010

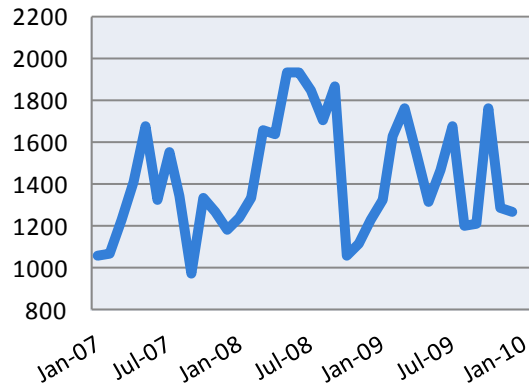
Exports of steel

- Some major steel producers such as Japan, Russia, South Korea and EU27 have seen exports recover.
- China, Ukraine and the U.S. have been recovering much more slowly.

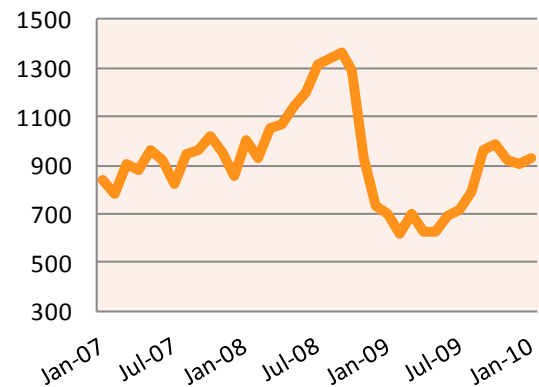


Exports of steel

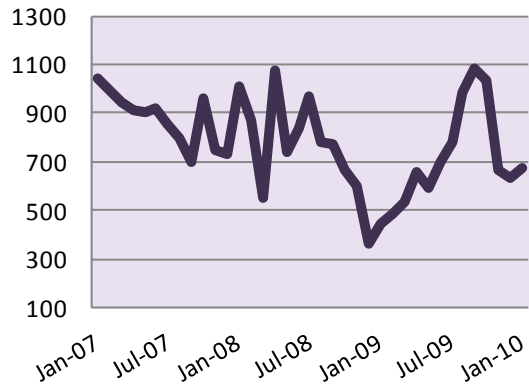
Turkey



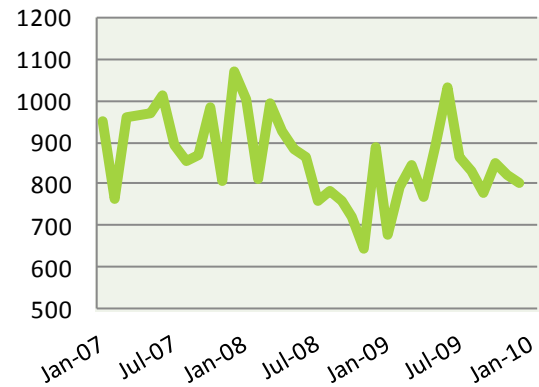
USA



Brazil

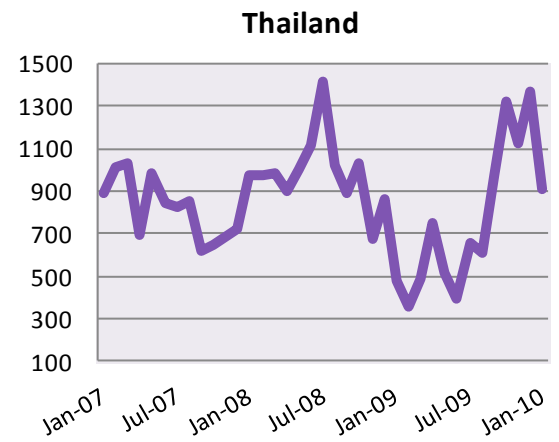
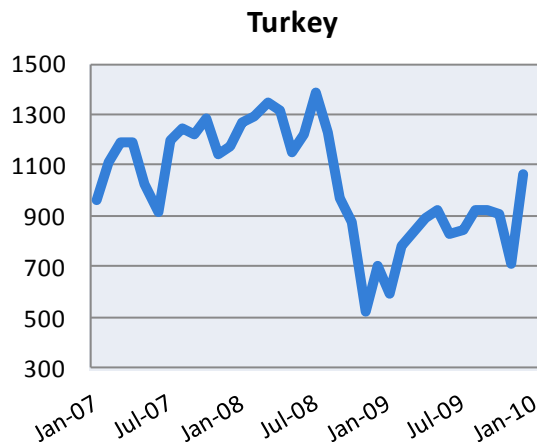
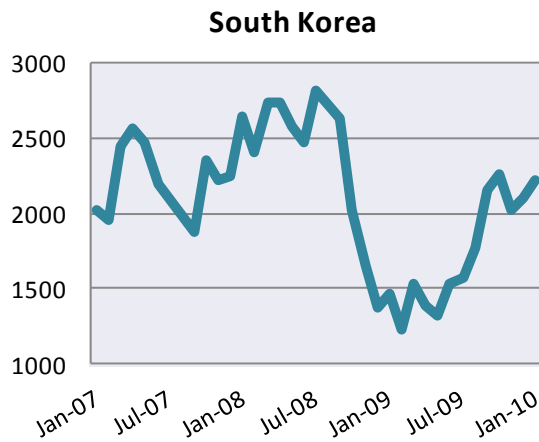
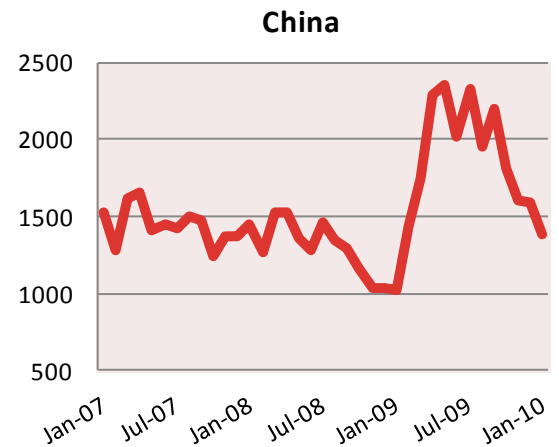
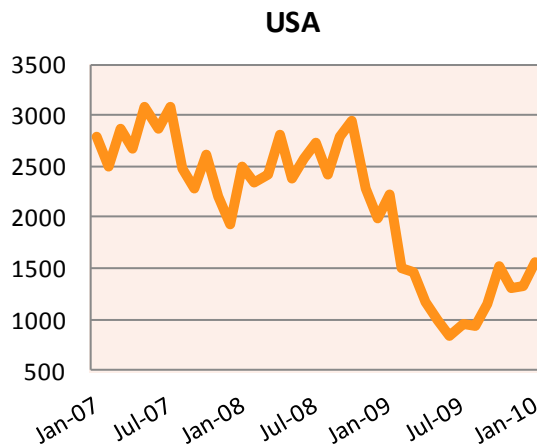
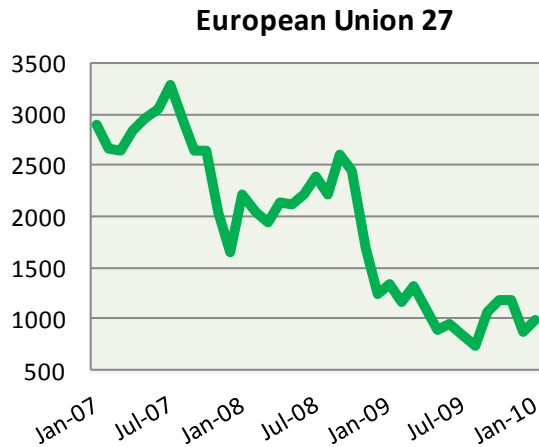


Chinese Taipei



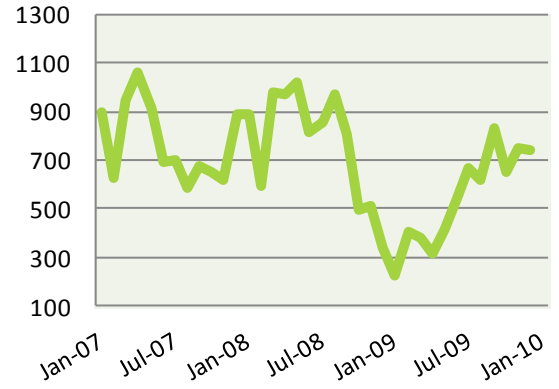
Imports of steel

- EU and North America are experiencing sharp declines in imports.
- Imports are recovering mainly in Asian countries. Chinese monthly import levels have declined gradually after big increase in mid-2009.

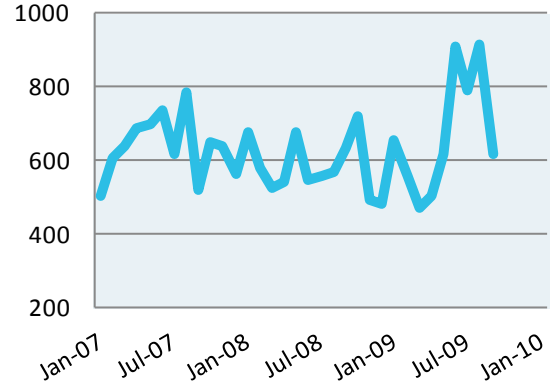


Imports of steel

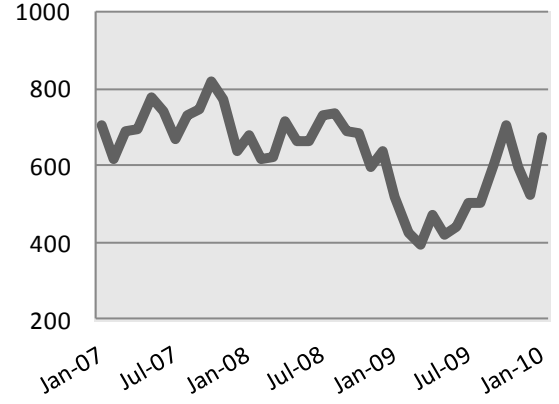
Chinese Taipei



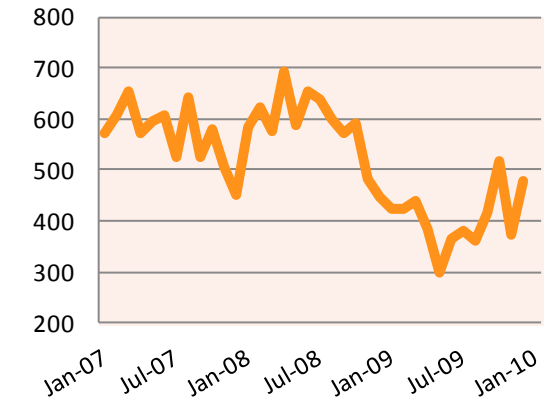
India



Canada



Mexico



Steel trade in 2008-2009

- China recorded a small trade surplus of 1.6 million tonnes in 2009, compared to a trade surplus of 44.1 million tonnes in 2008, a decline of over 42 million tonnes in one year's time.
- The EU's previously wide trade deficit has closed, and the balance has been in surplus since the first quarter of 2009.
- The U.S. also seen its trade deficit narrow, though that nevertheless remains one of the largest net importers of steel.

Exports				Imports			
Millions of metric tonnes							
	2008	2009	% change		2008	2009	% change
Japan	37.5	33.3	-11.3	China	15.8	22.4	41.7
EU27	33.8	30.1	-10.9	EU27	40.1	20.8	-48.1
Russia	28.4	27.6	-3.0	S. Korea	28.8	20.3	-29.4
Ukraine	28.6	24.0	-16.3	USA	30.2	15.3	-49.1
China	59.9	24.0	-60.0	Turkey	13.3	10.2	-23.0
S. Korea	20.6	20.2	-1.6	Vietnam	7.9	9.4	19.0
Turkey	18.5	17.4	-6.0	Thailand	11.8	9.0	-23.7
Chinese Taipei	10.0	10.0	-0.8	Iran	7.8	8.6	10.3
USA	13.4	9.2	-30.9	India	6.8	7.7	13.2
Brazil	9.2	8.6	-6.9	Chinese Taipei	9.3	6.5	-29.4

Recent policy developments

- Developments in 7 countries since the last Steel Committee meeting in December 2009

China	Jan. 2010	Elimination of export duties on certain light sections
China	Jan. 2010	Annual tariff adjustments; temporary tariff was abolished and MFN tariff is applied to three products (CRC:7209.1810 [from 3 to 6%], GO silicon sheet:7225.1100 [from 1 to 3%], Stainless seamless boiler tube: 7304.4110/4910 [from 5 to 10%])
India	Feb. 2010	Introduction of mandatory standards for galvanized steel sheets
Indonesia	Dec. 2009	Requiring the use of Bahasa Indonesia on the labels of many common goods incl. construction materials
Mexico	Jan. 2010	The government has delayed import tariff exemption on several steel products. (It will be gradually reduced and cut to zero through Jan 2012.)

(cont'd) Recent policy developments

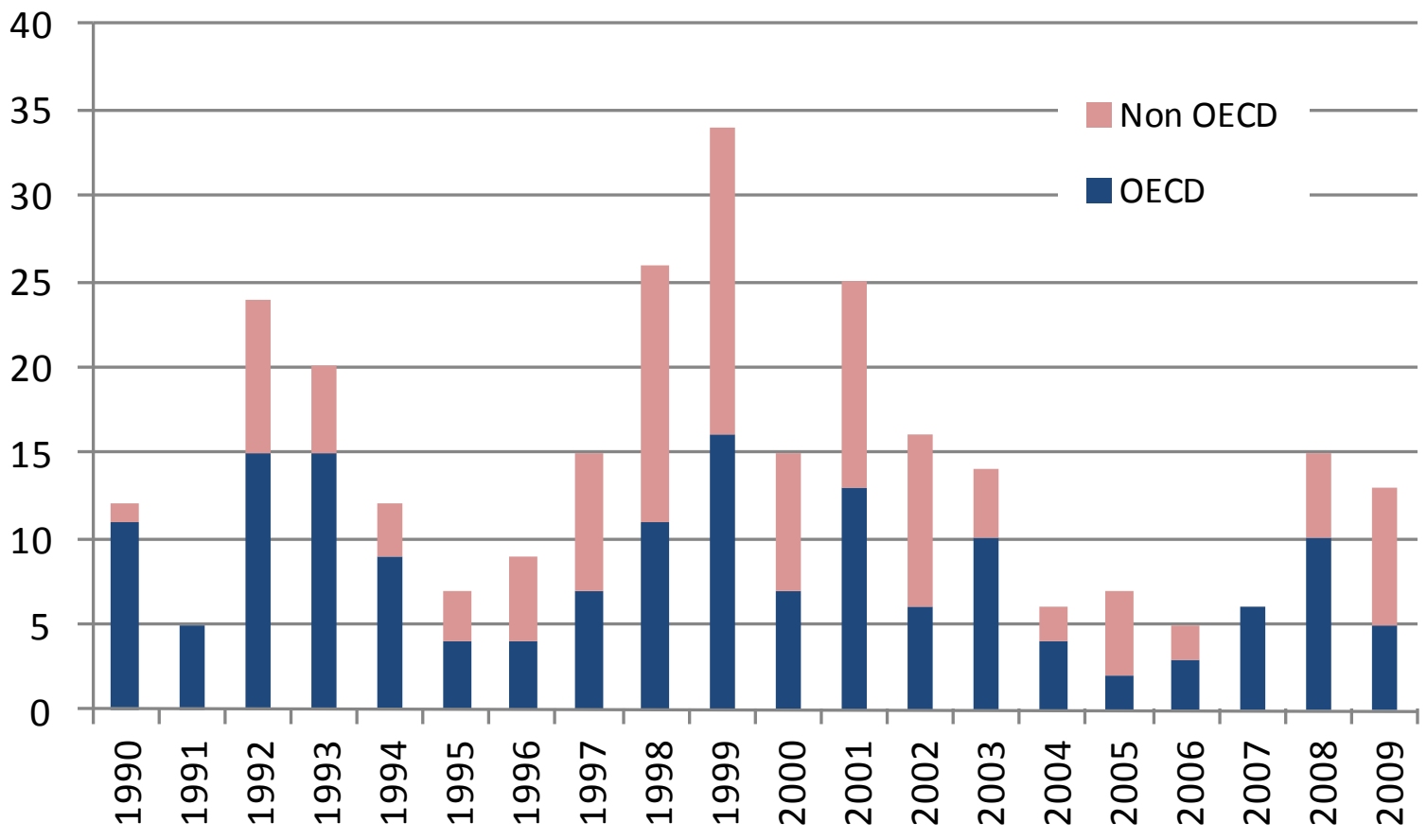
Philippines	Apr. 2010	In Apr. 2010, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) deferred the implementation of mandatory standards on imported cold rolled coils which were to become effective in early Apr. 2010.
Russia	Dec. 2009	Extension of application of import duties on certain rolled steel products and pipes, originally imposed in Nov. 2006, for the next 9 months starting from 28 Dec. 2009
Saudi Arabia	Jan. 2010	Re-imposed 5% customs duty on steel re-bars & cement imports except those coming from GCC countries after a temporary exemption that lasted for 2 years

Recent trade remedy measures

- So far in 2010, new AD cases have been initiated by 5 economies.
- 4 economies imposed provisional or final AD/CVD duties in early 2010 on cases started in 2008-2009.
- Indonesia initiated a safeguard case involving steel wire in Jan. 2010.

Canada	Feb. 2010	Final AD duties on imports of plate from Ukraine
	Mar. 2010	Final AD/CVD duties on Chinese OCTG
China	Apr. 2010	Final AD/CVD duties on GO silicon steel imported from the US and AD duties on these imports from Russia
Colombia	Jan. 2010	Initiation of AD duty investigations on imports of wire rods from Brazil and Mexico
EU	Apr. 2010	Initiation of AD duty investigations on Indian stainless steel cold finished wires
India	Jan. 2010	Initiation of AD duty investigations on Chinese seamless pipes and tubes
	Apr. 2010	Initiation of AD duty investigations on imports of stainless HR flat products from the EU, S. Korea, S. Africa, Chinese Taipei and the US
Indonesia	Jan. 2010	Initiation of safeguard investigations on steel wires
S. Korea	Apr. 2010	Initiation of AD duty investigations on Japanese stainless plates
Mexico	Jan. 2010	Final AD duties on imports of large U-O welded pipes from UK
United States	Jan. 2010	Initiation of AD/CVD duty investigations on Chinese drill pipes
	Feb. 2010	Provisional CVD duties on Chinese seamless pipes and tubes

Steel Antidumping/CVD initiations 1990-2009 (TOTAL OF 28 ECONOMIES)





Annex

Tariff measures

Bangladesh	May. 2009	Impose a 15% value added tax (VAT) on the imports of mild steel wire rods.
Brazil	Jun. 2009	Re-established import taxes on several steel products that have been exempt from tariffs since 2005. (HR&CR flats, Plates, Alloy bars & Re-bars)
China	Jan. 2010	Annual tariff adjustments; temporary tariff was abolished and MFN tariff is applied to three products (CRC:7209.1810 [from 3 to 6%], GO silicon sheet:7225.1100 [from 1 to 3%], Stainless seamless boiler tube: 7304.4110/4910 [from 5 to 10%])
Egypt	Feb. 2009	Import tax of 10% with a minimum value, on top of already applicable 5% import duty (CR sheets, galvanized sheets and organic coated sheets). It is reported that it is called a protective tax, or local sales fee, rather than an import duty. (The protective tax was cancelled in Apr 2009.)
India	Nov. 2008	Increase in import duties on a range of iron and steel products from 0 to 5%.
Indonesia	Feb. 2009	Increase of import tariffs on some steel products.
Mexico	Jan. 2010	The government has delayed import tariff exemption on several steel products. (It will be gradually reduced and cut to zero through Jan 2012.)
Pakistan	Jul. 2009	Import tariff increase on stainless welded tube from 5 to 15% from July 2009 to June 2010

(cont'd) Tariff measures

Russia	Jun. 2009	Adding China to a list of importers which are required to pay 8% special duties for exporting large diameter pipes, originally imposed in Nov. 2006. The duty will be imposed until December 2009.
Russia	Dec. 2009	Extension of application of import duties on certain rolled steel products and pipes for the next 9 months starting from 28 Dec. 2009
Saudi Arabia	Jan. 2010	Re-imposed 5% customs duty on steel re-bars & cement imports except those coming from GCC countries after a temporary exemption that lasted for 2 years
Turkey	Jan. 2009	Increased import duties by up to 8% on coated and uncoated strip with effect from 1 January 2009 and then reduced on HR coils and CR coils by 4% on 18 September.
UAE	Feb. 2009	The government has reinstated a 5% customs duty on rebar effective from 15 February.
Vietnam	Dec. 2008- Apr. 2009	Increase import tariffs on steel products several times. From 1 Apr, the government imposes 8% import tax on steel billets and CR coils, 13% on metallic and color coated sheets, and 15% on long products. In addition, impose a 10% duty on imports of boron-added long products used for construction purposes.

Non-tariff barriers

Argentina	Nov. 2008	Introduction of non-automatic import licensing requirements (affecting only a very narrow product group of steel)
India	Nov. 2008	Introduction of licensing requirements for imports of certain steel products.
India	Feb. 2009	New mandatory product quality certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards for 17 steel imported products. The Government deferred implementation of this regulation by one year on 10 February 2009
Indonesia	Jan. 2009	Introduction of mandatory standards
Indonesia	Jun. 2009	Importers need to apply for certification to bring into the country any of 202 domestically-listed steel items. Prior to importing, importers must file a report to an appointed surveyor with details such as tonnages and the purpose for which the imported steel will be used.
Indonesia	Dec. 2009	Requiring the use of Bahasa Indonesia on the labels of many common goods incl. construction materials
Israel	Jun. 2009	Introduced \$133/ton “guarantee payment” for rebar imports to the country for a temporary period of 200 days. The deposit is to be paid in case the Ministry of Industry & Trade decides to render the import duty permanent.

(cont'd) Non-tariff barriers

Malaysia	Oct. 2009	The government on 13 October reinstated mandatory standards on imports of iron and steel products. The standards will apply to 187 tariff lines.
Philippines	Apr. 2010	In Apr. 2010, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) deferred the implementation of mandatory standards on imported cold rolled coils which were to become effective in early Apr. 2010.
Thailand	Mar. 2009	Introduction of new requirements for approval under domestic product quality standards

Buy local requirements

China	May. 2009	China's State Council Legislative Affairs Office, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Ministries of Industry and Information Technology, Housing, Supervision, Transport, Railways, Water Resources and Commerce jointly released a circular titled "NDRC Department of Law and Regulation [2009] Number 1361", which includes a 'buy Chinese' directive for all projects under the country's ongoing stimulus package. Chinese government procurement programmes are already in existence under the 2002 Government Procurement Law.
Indonesia	Feb. 2009	Indonesia called for government-financed projects to rely only on locally produced steel products to help boost the domestic steel industry. And private projects are expected to voluntarily choose to buy Indonesian steel as well.
Iran	Mar. 2009	"Buy Iranian steel" government order obliging all Iranian state organizations and companies to buy steel only from domestic producers
United States	Feb. 2009	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) requires the use of US-produced steel, iron and manufactured goods in public works funded by the ARRA, subject to certain exceptions (public interest, non-availability or unreasonable cost). The ARRA requires that this provision be applied in a manner consistent with US obligations under international agreements. Further, Congress has indicated that the "buy American" provision for iron, steel and manufactured goods is not intended to apply to LDCs.

Export policies

China	Dec. 2008	Elimination of export duties on certain flat steel products (5%) combined with cancellation of steel export licensing requirements.
China	Apr. 2009	Imposition of VAT export rebate on certain flat and long steel products (13%)
China	Jun. 2009	Imposition of VAT export rebate on HRC, plate, sections and some stainless and alloy steel products (9%)
China	Jul. 2009	Reducing the export tax on some light sections from 10-15% to 5%
China	Jan. 2010	Elimination of export duties on some light sections
India	Nov. 2008	Elimination of export duties on steel products (which were imposed in may 2008)
Saudi Arabia	Jun. 2009	The government has lifted its ban on rebar exports which was imposed in April 2008 in a bid to protect local rebar consumers from rising prices. The government issued a list of guidelines that the mills are required to follow and one of the guidelines is that they should have 10% of their production reserved for the domestic market and the rest they are able to export.
Vietnam	Nov. 2008	The Ministry of Finance has reduced export tax on steel billet stepwise from 20% to 15% and finally to 0 with effect from 7 Nov 2008.

Trade remedy measures

Complainers	Measure	Initiation date	Products	Defenders	Result
Argentina	AD	Nov.2009	Steel tubes	CHN	
Australia	AD/CVD	Dec.2008	Hollow sections	CHN, MYS	
Canada	AD	Jul.2009	Plates	UKR	Final duties (Feb.2010)
	AD/CVD	Aug.2009	OCTG	CHN	Final duties (Mar.2010)
China	AD/CVD	Jun.2009	GO silicon steel	RUS (AD), USA (AD/CVD)	Final duties (Apr.2010)
Colombia	AD	Aug.2009	Steel tubes	CHN	
	AD	Jan.2010	Wire rods	BRA, MEX	
EU	AD	Sep.2007	Welded tubes and pipes	CHN, RUS, BLR	Final duties (Dec.2008)
	AD	Feb.2008	PSC wires	CHN	Final duties (May.2009)
	AD	May.2008	Bars and wire rods	CHN, MDA, TUR	Final duties [CHN] (Apr.2009)
	AD	Jul.2008	Seamless pipes and tubes	CHN	Final duties (Oct.2009)
	AD	Nov.2008	Hollow sections	TUR, UKR, BLR	Withdrawn (Sep.2009)
	AD	Apr.2010	Stainless steel cold finished bar	IND	
GCC	SG	Nov.2009	Angles, channels and beams		
India	AD	Nov.2008	Stainless CR flat products	CHN, EU, JPN, KOR, THA, TWN, USA, ZAF	Final duties [excl. JPN] (Nov.2009)
	AD	Nov.2008	HR flat products	CHN, IDN, IRN, JPN, KAZ, KOR, MYS, PHL, ROU, RUS, SAU, THA, TUR, UKR, ZAF	Withdrawn (Aug.2009)
	SG	Apr.2009	HR flat products		Investigation terminated (Dec.2009)
	AD	Jan.2010	Seamless pipes and tubes	CHN	
	AD	Apr.2010	Stainless HR flat products	EU, KOR, TWN, USA, ZAF	
Indonesia	AD	Nov.2008	Plates	CHN, MYS, TWN	Investigation terminated (Sep.2009)
	AD	Apr.2009	HR coil	KOR, MYS	
	AD	Jun.2009	H- and I-beams	CHN	
	SG	Jan.2010	Wire		
Israel	SG	Mar.2009	Rebars		Provisional duties (Jun.2009)
South Korea	AD	Apr.2010	Stainless plates	JPN	

(cont'd) Trade remedy measures

Complainers	Measure	Initiation date	Products	Defenders	Result
Mexico	AD	Jul.2008	Large U-O welded pipes	GBR	Final duties (Jan.2010)
	AD	Sep.2009	Seamless pipes and tubes	CHN	
Pakistan	AD	Jan.2009	Secondary quality tinplates	BEL, FRA, DEU, NLD, USA	Final duties (Nov.2009)
	AD	Sep.2009	Hot rolled coil	BEL, JPN, RUS, UKR, USA	
Philippines	SG	Aug.2008	Steel angle bars		Final duties (Sep.2009)
Russia	SG	Dec.2007	Stainless steel pipe and tubes		Final duties (Nov.2009)
	AD	Dec.2008	Bearing tubes	CHN	
	AD	Mar.2009	Stainless flat products	BRA, CHN, KOR, TWN, ZAF	
United States	AD/CVD	Feb.2008	Welded stainless steel pressure pipes	CHN	Final duties (Mar.2009)
	AD/CVD	Apr.2008	Circular welded carbon quality line pipes	CHN, KOR	Final duties [CHN] (CVD: Dec.2008 / AD: May.2009)
	AD/CVD	Apr.2009	OCTG	CHN	Final duties (CVD: Dec.2009) Provisional duties (AD: Nov.2009)
	AD/CVD	Oct.2009	Seamless pipes and tubes	CHN	Provisional duties [CVD] (Feb.2010)
	AD/CVD	Jan.2010	Drill pipes	CHN	