

have reasonable knowledge of the U.S. market and the level of imports from each exporting country to estimate that imports of wire mesh account for approximately [78%] of the volume of imports from Mexico and Canada covered by these statistical subheadings. Petitioners are not aware of imports of wire mesh from any other country since 2017 except for trial shipment of about [] of wire mesh from Turkey in March 2019. See Exhibit GEN-1. Petitioners provide an estimate of the import volumes as describe at **Exhibit GEN-6**.

5. Requested Scope of Investigation

The following language describes the scope of the imported merchandise that Petitioners intend to cover by this Petition:

The scope of this investigation covers uncoated standard welded steel reinforcement wire mesh (“Standard Welded Wire Mesh”) produced from smooth or deformed wire. Subject Standard Welded Wire Mesh is produced in square and rectangular grids of uniformly spaced steel wires that are welded at all intersections. Sizes are specified by combining the spacing of the wires in inches or millimeters and the wire cross-sectional area in hundredths of square inch or millimeters squared. Subject standard welded wire mesh may be packaged and sold in rolls or in sheets.

Subject standard welded wire mesh is currently produced to ASTM specification A1064/A1064M, which covers carbon-steel wire and welded wire reinforcement, smooth and deformed, for concrete in the following seven styles:

1. 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4
2. 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1
3. 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9
4. 6X6 W4/W4 or D4/D4
5. 6X12 W4/W4 or D4/D4
6. 4X4 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9
7. 4X4 W4/W4 or D4/D4

The first number in the style denotes the spacing between the longitudinal wires and the second number denotes the spacing between the transverse wires. In the first style listed above, for example, "6X6" denotes a grid size of six inches by six inches. "W" denotes the use of smooth wire, and "D" denotes the use of deformed wire in making the mesh. The number following the W or D denotes the cross-sectional area of the transverse and longitudinal wires in hundredths of a square inch (i.e., W1.4 or D1.4 is .014 square inches).

Smooth wire is wire that has a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Deformed wire is wire with indentations or raised transverse ribs, which results in wire that does not have a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Rolls of Subject standard welded wire mesh are currently produced in the following styles and actual width and length combinations:

Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (i.e., 10 gauge)

Roll Sizes: 5' X 50'
 5' X 150'
 6' X 150'
 5' X 200'
 7' X 200'
 7.5' X 200'

Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (i.e., 8 gauge)

Roll Sizes: 5' X 150'

Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)

Roll Sizes: 5' X 150'
 7' X 200'

All rolled standard welded wire mesh is included in scope regardless of length.

Sheets of subject standard welded wire mesh are currently produced in the following styles and actual width and length combinations:

Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (i.e., 10 gauge)

Sheet Size: 3'6" X 7'
 4' X 7'
 4' X 7'6"

5' X 10'
7' X 20'
7'6" X 20'
8' X 12'6"
8' X 15'
8' X 20'

Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (i.e., 8 gauge)

Sheet Size: 5' X 10'
7' X 20'
7'6" X 20'
8' X 12'6"
8' X 15'
8' X 20'

Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)

Sheet Size: 3'6" X 20'
5' X 10'
7' X 20'
7'6" X 20'
8' X 12'6"
8' X 15'
8' X 20'

Style: 6X12 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (i.e., 4 gauge)

Sheet Size: 8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)

Sheet Size: 5' X 10'
7' X 20'
7'6" X 20'
8' X 12'6"
8' X 12'8"
8' X 15'
8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (i.e., 4 gauge)

Sheet Size: 5' X 10'
8' X 12'6"
8' X 12'8"
8' X 15'
8' X 20'

Any product imported, sold, or invoiced in one of these size combinations is within the scope.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M provides for permissible variations in wire gauges, the spacing between transverse and longitudinal wires, and the length and width combinations. To the extent a roll or sheet of welded wire mesh falls within these permissible variations, it is within this scope.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M also defines permissible oversteeling, which is the use of a heavier gauge wire with a larger cross-sectional area than nominally specified. It also permits a wire diameter tolerance of ± 0.003 inches for products up to W5/D5 and ± 0.004 for sizes over W5/D5. A producer may oversteel by increasing smooth or deformed wire diameter up to two whole number size increments on Table 1 of A1064. Subject standard welded wire mesh has the following wire diameter ranges, which account for both oversteeling and diameter tolerance:

W/D No.	Maximum Oversteeling No.	Diameter Range (inch)
1.4 (i.e., 10 gauge)	3.4	0.093 to 0.211
2.1 (i.e., 8 gauge)	4.1	0.161 to 0.231
2.9 (i.e., 6 gauge)	4.9	0.189 to 0.253
4.0 (i.e., 4 gauge)	6.0	0.223 to 0.280

To the extent a roll or sheet of welded wire mesh falls within the permissible variations provided above, it is within this scope.

In addition to the tolerances permitted in ASTM specification A1064/A1064M, Standard welded wire mesh within this scope includes combinations where:

1. A width and/or length combination varies by \pm one grid size in any direction, i.e., ± 6 inches in length or width where the wire mesh's grid size is "6X6"; and/or
2. The center-to-center spacing between individual wires may vary by up to one quarter of an inch from the nominal grid size specified.

Length is measured from the ends of any wire and width is measured between the center-line of end longitudinal wires.

Additionally, although the subject Standard welded wire mesh typically meets ASTM A1064/A1064M, the failure to include certifications, test reports or other documentation establishing that the product meets this specification does not remove the product from the scope. Standard welded wire mesh made to comparable foreign specifications (e.g., DIN, JIS, etc.) or proprietary specifications is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope is wire mesh that is galvanized (i.e., coated with zinc) or coated with an epoxy coating. In order to be excluded as galvanized, the excluded welded wire mesh must have a zinc coating thickness meeting the requirements of ASTM specification A641/A641M. Epoxy coating is a mix of epoxy resin and hardener that can be applied to the surface of steel wire.

Merchandise subject to this investigation is classified under HTSUS categories 7314.20.0000 and 7314.39.0000. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

F. Names of the Subject Country and Any Intermediate Country Through Which the Merchandise is Transshipped

The wire mesh that is the subject of this Petition is produced in and exported from Mexico. Petitioners have no knowledge that the subject merchandise is currently being transshipped through any third country to the United States.

G. Producers and Exporters of the Subject Merchandise

A list of known and suspected producers and exporters of Mexico is provided **Exhibit GEN-7**. In compiling this exhibit, Petitioners relied on information from a subscription database of import shipments, additional research of publicly-available sources, and Petitioners' own knowledge of the industry. Based on this research, Petitioners have supplied the names of all producers and exporters of wire mesh reasonably available. Petitioners believe that the companies listed in **Exhibit GEN-7** account for virtually all exports of the subject merchandise