

subheading 2925.20.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).² The Commission made a negative determination concerning critical circumstances.

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective February 12, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc., Waukegan, IL. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of creatine monohydrate from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of August 19, 1999 (64 FR 45275). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on December 16, 1999, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on January 28, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3272 (January, 2000), entitled *Creatine Monohydrate from China* (Investigation No. 731-TA-814 (Final)).

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-411]

Electric Power Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Foreign Markets

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2000.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on November 23, 1999, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-411, Electric Power Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Foreign Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Mr. Christopher Melly, Project Leader (202-205-3461), Mr. Michael Nunes, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3462), or Mr. Richard Brown, Chief, Services and Investment Division (202-205-3438), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In her letter dated November 22, 1999, the USTR requested that the Commission, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, conduct an investigation of the electric power services markets in countries where significant market reform, privatization, and liberalization has occurred or is ongoing. The foreign markets to be examined are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, and Venezuela. As requested, in its report, the Commission will (1) discuss the nature and extent of market reform, privatization, and liberalization undertaken in foreign electricity markets; (2) examine current and evolving conditions of market access, investment, and regulation; and (3) provide, if possible, a listing of common regulatory practices insofar as these exist. For the purpose of this study, electric power services are broadly defined to include core areas such as generation, transmission, and distribution, as well as construction, engineering, consulting, and marketing services as they pertain to the provision of electricity.

The USTR asked that the Commission furnish its report by November 22, 2000, and that the Commission make the report available to the public in its entirety.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S.

International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2000. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2000. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., May 25, 2000; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., June 29, 2000. In the event that, as of the close of business on May 23, 2000, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1806) after May 23, 2000, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on June 29, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the

² Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun did not participate in this investigation.

Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

List of Subjects

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-419]

Certain Excimer Laser Systems for Vision Correction Surgery and Components Thereof and Methods for Performing Such Surgery; Notice of Decision To Extend the Deadline for Determining Whether To Review an Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend by three (3) business days, or until February 2, 2000, the deadline for determining whether to review an initial determination (ID) finding no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy P. Monaghan, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-3152. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This investigation was instituted on March 1, 1999, based on a complaint by VISX, Inc. ("VISX"), 64 FR 10016-17. The respondents named in the investigation are Nidek Co., Ltd., Nidek Inc., and Nidek Technologies, Inc. Complainant alleges importation and sale of certain excimer laser systems for vision correction surgery that infringe claims

of U.S. Letters Patent Nos. 4,718,418 and 5,711,762 ("the '762 patent"). An evidentiary hearing was held from August 18, 1999 to August 27, 1999.

On December 6, 1999, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued her final ID finding that complainant VISX failed to establish the required domestic industry, that there was no infringement of any claim at issue, and that the '762 patent was invalid and unenforceable.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in section 210.42(h)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42(h)(2)).

Copies of the public version of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-718 (Review)]

Glycine From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of a five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on glycine from China.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on glycine from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission;¹ to be assured of

¹ No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117-0016/USITC No. 00-5-052, expiration date July 31, 2002. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 7

consideration, the deadline for responses is March 22, 2000. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by April 17, 2000.

For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). The Rules may also be found on the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Messer (202-205-3193) or Vera Libeau (202-205-3176), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 29, 1995, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of glycine from China (60 FR 16116). The Commission is conducting a review to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. It will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct a full review or an expedited review. The Commission's determination in any expedited review will be based on the facts available, which may include information provided in response to this notice.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to this review:

(1) *Subject Merchandise* is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year review, as defined by the Department of Commerce.

hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.