

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-96 and 439-445 (Review)]

Industrial Nitrocellulose From Brazil, China, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D.J. Na (202-708-4727), 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: Effective October 15, 1999, the Commission established a schedule for the conduct of the subject reviews (64 FR 57483, October 25, 1999). Effective February 1, 2000, the Commission revised its schedule for the reviews (65 FR 5889, February 7, 2000), pursuant to a request for a two-month extension by counsel for Wolff Walsrode AG, a German producer, and Bayer Corporation, a German importer. In order to carefully evaluate recent important developments in the industrial nitrocellulose industry, the Commission has further determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B), and is hereby revising its schedule.

The Commission's new schedule for the reviews is as follows: the Commission will make its final release of information on August 2, 2000; and final party comments are due on August 8, 2000.

For further information concerning these reviews, see the Commission's notices cited above and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and F (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published

pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: June 19, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-847 and 850 (Final)]

Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Japan and South Africa

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Japan and South Africa of certain small diameter seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe ("small diameter pipe"), provided for in subheadings 7304.10.10, 7304.10.50, 7304.31.30, 7304.31.60, 7304.39.00, 7304.51.50, 7304.59.60, and 7304.59.80 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 negative determinations concerning critical circumstances. The Commission also determines that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Japan of certain large diameter seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe ("large diameter pipe"), provided for in subheadings 7304.10.10, 7304.10.50, 7304.31.60, 7304.39.00, 7304.51.50, 7304.59.60, and 7304.59.80 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 LTFV.³

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Commissioners Jennifer A. Hillman and Thelma J. Askey dissenting with respect to small diameter pipe of alloy steel. They determine that an industry in the United States producing such pipe is neither materially injured nor threatened with material injury by reason of imports of such pipe from Japan and South Africa sold at LTFV.

³ Commissioner Thelma J. Askey dissenting with respect to large diameter pipe of alloy steel. She determines that an industry in the United States producing such pipe is neither materially injured

Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective June 30, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by counsel for Koppel Steel Corp., Beaver Falls, PA; Sharon Tube Co., Sharon, PA; U.S. Steel Group, Fairfield, AL; USS/Kobe Steel Co., Lorain, OH; and Vision Metals' Gulf States Tube Div., Rosenberg, TX. The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that imports of small diameter pipe from Japan and South Africa and large diameter pipe from Japan 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 investigations 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 February 25, 2000 (65 FR 10107). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on May 4, 2000, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on June 16, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3311 (June 2000), entitled *Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Japan and South Africa: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-847 and 850 (Final)*.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-418]

Economic Impact on the United States of a U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

nor threatened with material injury by reason of imports of such pipe from Japan sold at LTFV.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and Notice of opportunity to submit comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 19, 2000.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on June 14, 2000, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), pursuant to authority under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-418, Economic Impact on the United States of a U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Chomo (202-205-3125), Office of Economics, or William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091) for information on the legal aspects of this investigation. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

The USTR requested that the Commission's report include the following:

- An overview of the Jordanian economy;
- Data on Jordan's patterns of trade with the United States and its other major trade partners;
- A description of the tariff and investment relationship between the United States and Jordan; and
- An analysis of any sector where there are significant economic impacts from a U.S.-Jordan FTA.

The Commission plans to submit its report, Economic Impact on the United States of a U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, July 31, 2000. USTR indicated that the report will be classified as confidential.

Written Submissions

The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. The Commission's Rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of Section 201.6 of the

Commission's Rules (19 CFR 201.6). All written statements, except for confidential business information will be made available for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. To be assured of consideration, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest possible date and should be received not later than July 7, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20436.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Appointment of Individuals To Serve as Members of Performance Review Boards

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Appointment of individuals to serve as members of Performance Review Board.

EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Micheal J. Hillier, Director of Personnel, U.S. International Trade Commission, (202) 205-2651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Commission's Performance Review Board (PRB).

Chairman of PRB—Vice-Chairman
Deanna Tanner Okun
Member—Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg
Member—Commissioner Marcia E. Miller
Member—Commissioner Jennifer A. Hillman
Member—Commissioner Thelma J. Askey
Member—Robert A. Rogowsky
Member—Lyn M. Schlitt
Member—Stephen A. McLaughlin
Member—Eugene A. Rosengarden

Member—Lynn Featherstone
Member—Vern Simpson
Member—Lynn I. Levine
Member—Robert B. Koopman

Notice of these appointments is being published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

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By order of the Chairman.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advance Lead-Acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC")

Notice is hereby given that, on January 3, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Advanced Lead-acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Amerace Microporous Products, LP, Piney Flats, TN; Borregaard Lignotech, Sarpsborg, NORWAY; Electric Transportation Applications, Phoenix, AZ; Furukawa Battery Co., Ltd., Iwaki-City, Fukushima-pref. JAPAN; Hangzhou Narada Battery Co., Ltd., Hangzhou, Zhejiang, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Voltmaster Co., Inc., Corydon, IA; and Westvaco Corporation, Charleston, SC have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Entertec Mexico, Monterrey, N.L. MEXICO; GNB Technologies, Inc., Lombard, IL; ITRI, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UNITED KINGDOM; Japan Storage Battery, Kyoto, JAPAN; Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. Tokyo, JAPAN; Norvic Traction, Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA; Technical Fibre Products, Kendall, Cumbria, UNITED KINGDOM; Toho Zinc Co., Ltd., Tokyo, JAPAN; and Virginia Power, Richmond,