

Committee will host a working group of interested members of the public to resolve the issues of resource damage and conflicts with other users.

While hikers, horseback riders, mountain bicyclists and other users can schedule their use around published hunting seasons for safety reasons; they are not able to avoid random target shooting. Local conditions including heavy timber and rough terrain reduce visibility and increase the hazard to other users from target shooters. As a result recent incidents involving random target shooting have resulted in endangerment and injury to other users. In addition, resource damage is occurring from the accumulation of debris from target materials. To reduce the incidence of future conflicts, three areas of public land known as the Acton Area, 21-Mile Area, and Shepherd Ah-Nei, located north of Billings, Montana are being closed to target shooting with firearms. These areas will remain open to hunting by licensed hunters during seasons administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

This Emergency Closure does not apply to other lands, specifically the "17-Mile" area located west of Highway 87, north of Billings, Montana, on the Crooked Creek Road.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 43 CFR 9268.3 (d)(1)(i) and 43 CFR 8364.1(a) the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following Emergency Closure on public lands within the closed area.

Emergency Closure

1.0 Emergency Closure of Certain Public Lands to Target Shooting.

The following is prohibited:

The discharge of firearms for the purpose of target shooting.

(2.0) Exceptions:

(a) This regulation does not apply to the hunting of lawful game by licensed hunters during seasons administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

(b) This regulation does not apply to archery marksmanship at fixed targets affixed to a backstop sufficient to stop and hold target or broad-head arrows or the use of compressed gas paintball projectors.

(c) This regulation does not apply to special target shooting events, which may be authorized by the authorized officer under special permit.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a) and 43 CFR 9268.3(e)(2), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8365.1-6). Violations of this regulation are

punishable by a fine in accordance with the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 (18 U.S.C. 3551 *et seq.*), and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months for each offense.

Dated: September 18, 2003.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1020 (Final)]

Barium Carbonate From China

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (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 China of barium carbonate, provided for in subheading 2836.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective September 30, 2002, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Chemical Products Corporation, Cartersville, GA. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of barium carbonate 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 final phase 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 April 16, 2003 (68 FR 18670). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on July 31, 2003, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

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

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on September 19, 2003. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3631 (September 2003) entitled *Barium Carbonate from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1020 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: September 22, 2003.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1023 (Final)]

Certain Ceramic Station Post Insulators from Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Cutchin (202-205-3396), 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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 21, 2003, the Commission established a schedule for the conduct of the final phase of the subject investigation (68 FR 43162). The Commission is changing its hearing date and subsequently revising its schedule.

The Commission's new schedule for the investigation is as follows: Requests to appear at the hearing must be filed with the Secretary to the Commission not later than October 20, 2003; the prehearing conference will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building at 9:30 a.m. on October 23, 2003; the prehearing staff report will be placed in the nonpublic record on October 15, 2003; the deadline for filing prehearing briefs is

October 22, 2003; the hearing will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building at 9:30 a.m. on October 29, 2003; and the deadline for filing posthearing briefs and written statements is November 5, 2003.

For further information concerning this investigation see the Commission's notice 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 C (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

United States v. National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc., Civil Action No. 1:03CV01278; Public Comments and Plaintiff's Response

Pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b) and (d), the United States hereby publishes below the written comments on the proposed Final Judgment in *United States of America v. National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:03CV01278 filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, together with the United States' response to the comments. Copies of the comments and the United States' response are available for inspection at the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 325 Seventh Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20530, and at the Office of the Clerk for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, E. Barrett Prettyman Building, 333 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20001.

J. Robert Kramer,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

Response to Public Comments

Pursuant to the requirements of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b)-(h) ("APPA" or "Tunney Act"), the United States hereby responds to the public comments received regarding the Proposed Final Judgment in this case.

I. Background

On June 13, 2003, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that the National Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. ("NCPG") had orchestrated an unlawful territorial allocation of problem gambling products and services along state lines in violation of section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. 1. Simultaneously with the filing of the Complaint, the United States filed a Proposed Final Judgment. A Competitive Impact Statement ("CIS") was also filed with the Court at that time, and published in the **Federal Register**, along with the Proposed Final Judgment, on June 26, 2003 (*see* 68 FR 38093). Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 16(c), a summary of the terms of the Proposed Final Judgment and CIS was published in *The Washington Post*, a newspaper of general circulation in the District of Columbia, during the period of June 24 through 30, 2003.

Under the consent order, NCPG is prohibited from directly or indirectly initiating, adopting, or pursuing any agreement, program, or policy that has the purpose or effect of prohibiting or restraining any Problem Gambling Service Provider ("PGSP") from: (1) Selling problem gambling services in any state or territory or to any customer; or (2) submitting competitive bids in any state or territory or to any customer. The NCPG is also prohibited from directly or indirectly adopting, disseminating, publishing, seeking adherence to or facilitating any agreement, code of ethics, rule, bylaw, resolution, policy, guideline, standard, certification, or statement made or ratified by an official that has the purpose or effect of prohibiting or restraining any PGSP from engaging in any of the above practices, or that states or implies that any of these practices are, in themselves, unethical, unprofessional, or contrary to the policy of the NCPG.

The consent order further provides that the NCPG is prohibited from adopting or enforcing any standard or policy that has the purpose or effect of: (1) Requiring that any PGSP obtain permission from, inform, or otherwise consult with another PGSP before selling problem gambling services or submitting bids for the provision of problem gambling services in any state or territory or to any customer; or (2) requiring that any PGSP contract with, provide a fee or a portion of revenues to, or otherwise remunerate any other PGSP as a result of selling problem gambling services in any state or territory or to any customer. Finally, the NCPG is prohibited from adopting or

enforcing any standard or policy or taking any action that has the purpose or effect of: (1) Sanctioning, penalizing or otherwise retaliating against any PGSP for competing with any other PGSP; or (2) creating or facilitating an agreement not to compete between two or more PGSPs.

The sixty-day period for public comments expired on August 29, 2003. As of today, the United States has received written comments from: (1) Joseph E. Finnerty, James A. Gentry, Fred Gottheil, and John Warren Kindt of the Gambling Research Group ("Gambling Research Group"); (2) Kathleen M. Scanlan, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc., ("Massachusetts Council"); and (3) Richard A. Johnson, CEO, and Glen Gorelick, Director, of Problemgambling.com, Responsiblegaming.com, and Safegamingsystem.com ("Problemgambling.com"). The United States has carefully considered the views expressed in these comments, but nothing in the comments has altered the United States' conclusion that the Proposed Final Judgment is in the public interest. Pursuant to Section 16(d) of the Tunney Act, the United States is now filing with this Court its response to such comments. Once these comments and this response are published in the **Federal Register**, the United States will have fully complied with the Tunney Act and will file a motion for entry of the Proposed Final Judgment.

II. Response to Public Comments

A. Gambling Research Group's Comment

The Gambling Research Group asserts that "a majority of experts would probably argue that this entire market [for services to pathological and problem gamblers] is currently dominated by problem gambling service providers (PGSPs) who are involved in direct or indirect vertical relationships [with Gambling Related Organizations ("GROs")] resulting in those PGSPs being dominated or substantially influenced by various GROs." The comment asserts that control of the PGSPs by GROs may result in less effective services to pathological and problem gamblers because GROs benefit financially from the excessive wagering of these troubled gamblers. Thus, the Gambling Research Group recommends that the NCPG be required to reveal all donations and influences impacting upon its financial viability and to divest itself from all direct and indirect