

application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 206, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 206).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jozlyn Kalchthaler (202-205-3457), 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:

Participation in the Investigation and Service List

Persons wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, not later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will prepare a service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited Disclosure of Confidential Business Information (CBI) Under an Administrative Protective Order (APO) and CBI Service List

Pursuant to section 206.17 of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make CBI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than 21 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive CBI under the APO.

Hearings on Injury and Remedy

The Commission has scheduled separate hearings in connection with the injury and remedy phases of this investigation. The hearing on injury will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on September 6, 2000, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. In the event that the Commission makes an affirmative injury

determination or is equally divided on the question of injury in this investigation, a hearing on the question of remedy will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on October 24, 2000. Requests to appear at the hearings should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before August 28, 2000, and October 16, 2000, respectively. All persons desiring to appear at the hearings and make oral presentations should attend prehearing conferences to be held at 9:30 a.m. on August 31, 2000 and October 19, 2000, respectively, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the hearings are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2) and 201.13(f) of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 days prior to the date of the hearings.

Written Submissions

Each party is encouraged to submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. The deadline for filing prehearing briefs on injury is August 29, 2000; that for filing prehearing briefs on remedy, including any commitments pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2252(a)(6)(B), is October 17, 2000. Parties may also file posthearing briefs. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs on injury is September 13, 2000; that for filing posthearing briefs on remedy is October 31, 2000. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigation may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the consideration of injury on or before September 13, 2000, and pertinent to the consideration of remedy on or before October 31, 2000. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. In accordance with section 201.16(c) of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by the service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under the authority of section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974; this notice is

published pursuant to section 206.3 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-417]

Advice on Providing Additional GSP Benefits for Sub-Saharan Africa

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2000.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on May 22, 2000, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-417, Advice on Providing Additional GSP Benefits for Sub-Saharan Africa, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

As requested by USTR pursuant to section 332 (g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 and in accordance with sections 503(a)(1)(B), 503(e) and 131(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (1974 Act), the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers, of the elimination of U.S. import duties under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for 1,897 articles from potential beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries.

As requested by USTR, the Commission will assume that the benefits of the GSP would continue to apply to imports that normally would be excluded from receiving such benefits by virtue of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act (an exemption from the application of the competitive need limits for the beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries is provided for in section 503(c)(2)(D) of the 1974 Act).

As requested by USTR, the Commission expects to submit its report by October 2, 2000. The Commission will publish shortly thereafter a public version of the report, deleting the information that has been classified by USTR or which the Commission considers to be confidential business information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Industry information may be obtained from Robert Wallace (202-205-3458), Melani Schultz (202-205-3436), or Kim Freund (202-708-5402) of the Office of Industries and on legal aspects from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). 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 to the Commission, the USTR noted that the Trade Policy Staff Committee, pursuant to legislation, has determined to institute an investigation and request the advice of the Commission on the designation of certain articles as eligible articles under the GSP only for countries designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries for purposes of the GSP program. On May 18, 2000, the President signed legislation amending the GSP provisions under the 1974 Act for beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries (Pub. L. 106-200, 114 Stat. 251) (Trade and Development Act of 2000) for the GSP-related provisions, see subtitle B of title I of the Act). The legislation permits the President to provide the 48 potential beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries with GSP duty-free treatment for any article described in section 503(b)(1)(B) through (G) of Title V of the 1974 Act, which identifies categories of "import-sensitive articles" excluded from GSP eligibility, if, after receiving advice from the Commission, the President determines that such articles are not import-sensitive in the context of imports from beneficiary countries. The items identified for consideration of GSP eligibility for sub-Saharan African countries exclude sections 503(b)(1)(A) and 503(b)(2) of Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, relating to textiles and apparel, and agricultural products over tariff-rate quotas. The articles for which the Commission will provide probable economic effect advice are as follows:

(B) Watches, except those that will cause material injury to watch or watch band strap or bracelet manufacturing and assembly operations in the United States or the United States insular possessions;

(C) Import-sensitive electronic articles;

(D) Import-sensitive steel articles;

(E) Footwear, handbags, luggage, flat goods, work gloves, and leather wearing apparel;

(F) Import-sensitive semimanufactured and manufactured glass products; and

(G) Any other articles which the President has determined to be import sensitive in the context of GSP.

As requested by USTR, the Commission will provide its probable economic effect advice in terms of the 8-digit subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) providing for the above referenced articles. Many of these articles are already designated as eligible for GSP for least developed beneficiary countries. A list of the articles by HTS subheadings and a list of the 48 potential beneficiary countries in sub-Saharan Africa are available from the Office of the Secretary or may be obtained from the Commission's Internet site at <http://www.usitc.gov>.

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 July 27, 2000, and continuing on July 28, 2000, if necessary. 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., July 7, 2000. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., July 18, 2000. The deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., August 3, 2000. In the event that, as of the close of business on July 7, 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 July 7, 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 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. 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). 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. 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 August 3, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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List of Subjects

GSP, sub-Saharan Africa, tariffs, and imports.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-422]

In the Matter of Certain Two-Handle Centerset Faucets and Escutcheons, and Components Thereof; Notice of Issuance of General Exclusion Order; Termination of the Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission, having previously determined not to review the final initial determination (ID) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the above-captioned investigation, has issued a general exclusion order, and terminated the investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Diehl, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-