

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.

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>).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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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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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,