

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.

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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.

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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.