

The purpose of the scoping meeting/open house is to describe the management planning effort for Glen Echo Park and to solicit concerns about future management of the park. Through a workshop format the meeting will provide an overview of the planning effort and an opportunity for the public to discuss their concerns with park staff and provide verbal and written comments.

We encourage all who have an interest in the park's future to attend or to contact the Park Superintendent by letter or telephone, at George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101, telephone number: 703-285-2600.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Audrey F. Calhoun,

Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATES: February 24, 1998; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, 100 Red Jacket Road (2nd floor), Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471.

The Chairman's welcome; minutes of the previous meeting; update on the general management plan; update on park activities; old business; new business; next meeting date; adjournment. This meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Frank C. Fiala, P.O. Box 471, Calumet, Michigan 49913-0471, 906-337-3168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Keweenaw National Historical Park was established by Public Law 102-543 on October 27, 1992.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-389]

Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-Based Consumption Tax

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 1998.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on December 15, 1997, of a request from the House Committee on Ways and Means (Committee), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-389, Implications for U.S. Trade and Competitiveness of a Broad-based Consumption Tax, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Information on economic aspects of the investigation may be obtained from Hugh Arce, Office of Economics (202-205-3234) or William Donnelly, Office of Economics (202-205-3223), and on legal aspects, from William Gearhart, Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (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

The Committee's letter noted that there are several proposals to significantly reform the current U.S. income tax system, including many that can be characterized as consumption taxes. Examples noted in the letter include a flat tax, a national retail sales tax, and a value-added tax. It noted that a number of studies have examined the effects of consumption-based taxes on international trade and found a wide range of effects on investment, imports, and exports, depending upon how the consumption tax is structured.

As requested by the Committee, the Commission in its report on the investigation will provide an analysis of the implications for U.S. trade and competitiveness of replacing the current income tax system with a broad-based consumption tax. The Commission will also analyze various consumption tax proposals such as those noted above. In addition, the Commission will provide a review of current economic analyses on this topic, and a discussion of the key technical issues that can

significantly affect the relationship between tax policy and international trade.

The Commission will provide its report by June 15, 1998.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held in the Commission hearing room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 5, 1998. All persons 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 COB, February 26, 1998. Prehearing statements should be filed not later than COB February 26, 1998. Any posthearing submissions must be filed not later than COB March 19, 1998.

In the event that, as of COB March 4, 1998, no witnesses have filed a request 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 to the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 4, 1998, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written statements (one original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. (Generally, submission of separate confidential and public versions of the submission would be appropriate.) All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than March 19, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 9, 1998.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 753-TA-35]

Steel Wire Rope From Thailand

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Initiation and scheduling of a countervailing duty investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the initiation of countervailing duty investigation No. 753-TA-35 under section 753(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether an industry in the United States is likely to be materially injured by reason of imports from Thailand of steel wire rope, provided for in subheading 7312.10.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, if the countervailing duty order on such merchandise is revoked.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207 (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim McClure (202-205-3191), 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> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 753(a) of the Act provides that, in the case of a countervailing duty order issued under section 303 of the Act with respect to which the requirement of an affirmative

determination of material injury under section 303(a)(2) was not applicable at the time the order was issued, interested parties may request that the Commission initiate an investigation to determine whether an industry in the United States is likely to be materially injured by reason of imports of the subject merchandise if the order is revoked. Such a request concerning the countervailing duty order on steel wire rope from Thailand was filed on June 30, 1995, by the Committee of Domestic Steel Wire Rope and Specialty Cable Manufacturers of Washington, DC.

Participation in the Investigation and Public 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, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public 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. Copies of draft questionnaires will be sent for comment to parties who filed an entry of appearance by February 6, 1998.

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

Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff Report

The prehearing staff report in this investigation will be placed in the nonpublic record on May 6, 1998, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.22 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing

The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with this investigation beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 21, 1998, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before May 12, 1998. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 14, 1998, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 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 hearing.

Written Submissions

Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is May 13, 1998. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is May 29, 1998; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. 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 subject of the investigation on or before May 29, 1998. On June 24, 1998, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before June 26, 1998, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules.