

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Brass Sheet and Strip From Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, and Sweden ¹

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determinations to conduct full five-year reviews concerning the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on brass sheet and strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on brass sheet and strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, and Sweden would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the reviews will be established and announced at a later date.

For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews 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, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 FR 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Carpenter (202-205-3172), 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: On May 6, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act. The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products. See 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 F.R. 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

With regard to brass sheet and strip from Canada and the Netherlands, the Commission found that both the domestic interested party group response and the respondent interested party group responses to its notice of institution ² were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews.

With regard to brass sheet and strip from Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Sweden, the Commission found that the domestic interested party group response was adequate and the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate.³ The Commission also found that other circumstances warranted conducting full reviews.⁴

A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

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.

Issued: May 10, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-403]

Assessment of the Economic Effects on the United States of China's Accession to the WTO

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised completion date.

SUMMARY: On May 5, 1999, the Commission received a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) regarding its report, *Assessment of the Economic Effects on the United States of China's Accession to the WTO* (Inv. No. 332-403).

The USTR requested that the ITC incorporate comparative static analysis of China's tariff offer made in April 1999. The USTR also extended the Commission's date for submitting the report to June 15, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arona Butcher, Office of Economics (202-205-3301). For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the 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 U.S. International Trade Commission instituted investigation 332-403, *Assessment of the Economic Effects on the United States of China's Accession to the WTO*, on January 19, 1999 following receipt on December 21, 1998 of a request under sec. 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)) from the USTR. Further information on the scope of the investigation is available in the ITC's notice of investigation, dated January 20, 1999, which may be obtained from the ITC Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>) or by contacting the Office of the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436 or at 202-205-1802.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 11, 1999.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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¹ The investigation numbers are as follows: Brazil (701-TA-269 (Review) and 731-TA-311 (Review)), Canada (731-TA-312 (Review)), France (701-TA-270 (Review) and 731-TA-313 (Review)), Germany (731-TA-317 (Review)), Italy (731-TA-314 (Review)), Japan (731-TA-379 (Review)), Korea (731-TA-315 (Review)), the Netherlands (731-TA-380 (Review)), and Sweden (731-TA-316 (Review)).

² The notice of institution for all of the subject reviews was published in the **Federal Register** on Feb. 1, 1999 (64 FR 4892).

³ Commissioner Askey found that the respondent interested party group response with respect to Sweden was adequate.

⁴ Commissioner Crawford dissenting.