

with the United States, Canada, and Mexico, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). The Commission plans to submit its report by August 18, 2000.

As requested by the Committee, the Commission will provide to the extent possible:

- An overview of the current economic relationship among the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom in terms of trade and investment flows, including a discussion of the key industries and comparative advantages of each country.

- Identification of all existing barriers (tariff and non-tariff) to trade and investment among the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

- For the United States and the United Kingdom, the estimated effect of eliminating these barriers on:

- The volume of trade in goods and services between the two countries;
- Gross Domestic Product for each country resulting from increased trade and investment

- Employment across industry sectors, with special attention to changes in the competitive position of industries, job creation and loss, productivity, and wages;

- Balance of payments for each country as a result of new trade patterns;

- Amount of foreign direct investment between the two countries;

- Final prices paid by consumers in each country.

- A discussion on any increase in quality or selection of goods, or other consumer benefits.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained from Kyle Johnson, Project Leader (202-205-3229) or Soamiely Andriamananjara, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3252), Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In its letter to the Commission, the Committee stated that the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have significantly helped to expand the volume of trade between the United States and its North American trading partners, and that the Committee seeks an analysis in order to determine

whether the success of the CFTA and NAFTA can be replicated with other trading partners.

In estimating the effect of the elimination of barriers to trade and investment on the economies of the United States and the United Kingdom, the Commission will conduct a comparative statics analysis based on the most current data available on trade, investment, the barriers to these flows, and the trade and investment relationships between these countries and their other significant trading partners.

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 April 11, 2000. 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., March 28, 2000. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 4, 2000; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., May 5, 2000. In the event that, as of the close of business on April 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 April 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 submitter 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 C.F.R. 201.6). 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 May 4, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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>).

List of Subjects

NAFTA, United Kingdom, tariffs, investment, and imports.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and Section 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on December 16, 1999, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 95-71470, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. This consent decree represents a settlement of claims of the United States against Gage products Company for reimbursement of response costs and injunctive relief in connection with the Metamora Landfill Superfund Site ("Site") pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

Under this settlement with the United States, Gage Products Company will pay \$187,020.49 in reimbursement of response costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the Site.

The Department of justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the

date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc., et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-289A.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, 211 West Fort Street, Suite 2300, Detroit, MI 48226, and at the Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$5.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and Section 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on December 16, 1999, a proposed *de minimis* Consent Decree in *United States v. American Jetway Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 98-73295, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. This consent decree represents a settlement of claims of the United States against American Jetway Corporation for reimbursement of response costs and injunctive relief in connection with the Metamora Landfill Superfund Site ("Site") pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

Under this settlement with the United States, American Jetway Corporation will pay the total amount of \$50,000, plus accrued interest, in five installment payments over a period of approximately 4 years, in reimbursement of response costs incurred by the United States

Environmental Protection Agency at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. American Jetway Corporation et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-289/1.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, 211 West Fort Street, Suite 2300, Detroit, MI 48226, and at the Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$5.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

In accordance with Departmental policy at 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 15, 1999, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.* Civil Action No. CIV 99-712-S, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the liability of Eagle-Picher under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA at the Eagle-Picher Henryetta Superfund Site ("Site") located in Henryetta, Oklahoma. Under the terms of the Consent Decree, Eagle-Picher has agreed to an Allowed Environmental Claim in its Bankruptcy proceeding in the amount of \$5.0 million for reimbursement of response costs.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, the Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the

proposed consent decree from persons who are not parties to the action. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.* DOJ #90-11-3-1724/1.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 1200 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 74401, and at the office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202 (Attention: Jon Weisberg, Assistant Regional Counsel). A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC. 20044. Copies of the decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library. Such requests should be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$5.50 (25 cents per page reproduction charge for decree, payable to "Consent Decree Library". When requesting copies, please refer to *United States v. Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.* DOJ #90-11-3-1724/1.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 16, 1999, the United States lodged a consent decree in *United States v. St. Charles Riverfront Station, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:99CV01978SNL (E.D.Mo.), with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The proposed consent decree would resolve the United States' allegations that Defendant St. Charles Riverfront Station violated sections 301 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311 and 1344, and section 12 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, 33 U.S.C. 406, by unlawfully discharging dredged material into the Missouri River in St. Charles County, Missouri. The proposed consent decree would require Defendant to pay a \$550,000 civil penalty. The proposed decree also provides that Defendant is enjoined from discharging pollutants into waters of the United