

Background

The Commission instituted this review on June 5, 2000 (65 FR 35668) and determined on September 1, 2000 that it would conduct a full review (65 FR 55047, September 12, 2000). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's review 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** on November 29, 2000 (65 FR 71120). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on March 15, 2001, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on May 15, 2001. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC publication 3420 (May 2001), entitled *Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium from Russia* (Inv. No. 731-TA-702 (Review)).

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-414 and 731-TA-928 (Preliminary)]

Softwood Lumber From Canada

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports from Canada of softwood lumber, provided for in subheadings 4407.10.00, 4409.10.10, 4409.10.20, and 4409.10.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Canada and sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

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 Commissioner Bragg not participating.

Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) and 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) and 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. 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 antidumping and 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 the investigations.

Background

On April 2, 2001, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports Executive Committee,³ Washington, DC; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Portland, OR; and the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Nashville, TN, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of imports of subsidized and LTFV imports of softwood lumber from Canada. Accordingly, effective April 2, 2001, the Commission instituted countervailing and antidumping duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-414 and 731-TA-928 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International

³ The Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports Executive Committee is comprised of Hood Industries, International Paper Co., Moose River Lumber Co., New South, Inc., Plum Creek Timber Co., Potlatch Corp., Seneca Sawmill Co., Shearer Lumber Products, Shuqualak, Lumber Co., Sierra Pacific Industries, Swift Lumber, Inc., Temple-Inland Forest Products, and Tolleson Lumber Co., Inc.

Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of April 9, 2001 (66 FR 18508). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on April 23, 2001, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on May 17, 2001. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3426 (May 2001), entitled *Softwood Lumber from Canada: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-414 and 731-TA-928* (Preliminary).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-875, 880, and 882 (Final)]

Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine

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 Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars,² provided for in subheading 7214.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold

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 Chairman Stephen Koplan, Vice Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun, and Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg determine that a regional industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars. The defined region consists of all the states east of the Mississippi plus Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Commissioner Marcia E. Miller, Commissioner Jennifer A. Hillman, and Commissioner Dennis M. Devaney determine that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars. The Commission also determined that critical circumstances did not exist with respect to subject imports from Poland and Ukraine.

in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective June 28, 2000, following receipt of petitions filed with the Commission and Commerce by the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (RTAC) (Washington, DC) and its individual members.³ The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars from Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine 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 14, 2001 (66 FR 10317). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on April 5, 2001, 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 May 25, 2001. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3425 (May 2001), entitled Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Indonesia, Poland, and Ukraine: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-875, 880, and 882 (Final).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Forum on Issues Relating to Electronic Filing and Maintenance of Documents

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice announcing public forum.

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission announces a public forum on issues relating to electronic filing and maintenance of documents.

DATES: The forum will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The forum will be held in Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

The event is open to the public, and registration is not required to attend. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Any person wishing to make an initial statement, of no more than five minutes in length, may file a request to do so directed to the Secretary to the Commission. Other attendees will be given an opportunity to make statements, as time permits. A request to make an initial statement should indicate the following information: (1) The name of the person desiring to make a statement; (2) the organization or organizations represented by that person, if any; (3) contact information (address, telephone, and e-mail); and (4) information on the specific focus or interest of the person (or his or her organization) and any questions or issues the person would like to raise. A request may be sent by e-mail to "dockets@usitc.gov," or by mail or hand delivery to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

The deadline for receipt of requests is Wednesday, June 13, 2001.

Any person may file written comments about the issues discussed in this notice. Any such comments should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, and must be filed no later than July 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn Abbott (202-205-2799), Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, 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 (at URL <http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is holding a forum to seek the public's views on issues relating to electronic filing and maintenance of documents. In particular, and as discussed more fully below, the Commission would like to obtain views on (1) What features of an electronic system might be helpful to users, (2) what technical difficulties might arise in connection with such a system, and (3) how the agency might implement such a system.

In 1996, the Commission established the Electronic Document Imaging System (EDIS), which stores and provides access to docket records in agency investigations. The Commission now is contemplating replacing EDIS with a new document management system that would provide better functionality. In particular, Commission is seeking as part of the new system the capability to accept documents electronically.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure currently provide for the filing of documents with the agency in paper form. Consistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA)(Div. C, Title XVII, Pub. L. 105-277), the Commission is considering permitting parties and other persons to file some documents with the agency electronically. The Commission contemplates obtaining the capability to, *inter alia*: (1) Permit a person to make a filing by uploading it electronically to a Commission Web site; (2) provide security to protect confidential business and business proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure; (3) verify the identity of the submitter through a password, electronic signature, or other security system; (4) acknowledge receipt of the submission by an electronic message to establish when filing occurred; and (5) alert in-house users of new submissions. A new Commission document management system might also permit faster searches for and retrieval of documents in the Commission's docket files than currently permitted by EDIS.

Permitting electronic filing would involve both the acquisition of new information technology and the revision of the agency's procedures, including the Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will provide an opportunity for public comment on any proposed rules amendments, but is seeking the views of the public now on the broader issues raised by the prospect of allowing electronic filing. The Commission encourages party representatives, other document filers, and other interested persons to

³ The individual members of RTAC on whose behalf the petitions were filed are as follows: AmeriSteel (Tampa, FL); Auburn Steel Co., Inc. (Auburn, NY); Birmingham Steel Corp. (Birmingham, AL); Border Steel, Inc. (El Paso, TX); CMC Steel Group (Seguin, TX); Marion Steel Co. (Marion, OH); Nucor Steel (Darlington, SC); and Riverview Steel (Glassport, PA). Auburn was not a petitioner with respect to Indonesia.