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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-450 and 731-TA-1122 (Preliminary)]

Laminated Woven Sacks From China

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, 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 the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded by reason of imports from China of laminated woven sacks, provided for in subheading 6305.33.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) and to be subsidized by the Government of China.

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 (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 these 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 June 28, 2007, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by the Laminated Woven Sacks Committee, an *ad hoc* committee composed of five U.S. producers of laminated woven sacks, alleging that the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, or that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV and subsidized imports of laminated woven sacks from China. Members of the Laminated Woven Sacks Committee include: (1) Bancroft Bag, Inc. of West Monroe, LA; (2) Coating Excellence International, LLC of Wrightstown, WI; (3) Hood Packaging Corp. of Madison, MS; (4) Mid-America Packaging, LLC of Twinsburg, OH; and (5) Polytex Fibers Corp. of Houston, TX. Accordingly, effective June 28, 2007, the Commission instituted antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-450 and 731-TA-1122 (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 Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of July 5, 2007 (72 FR 36720). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 19, 2007, 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 August 13, 2007. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3942 (August 2007), entitled *Laminated Woven Sacks from China: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-450 and 731-TA-1122 (Preliminary)*.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that six meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending times are approximate):

National Initiatives (application review) September 4, 2007 by teleconference from Room 722. This meeting, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., will be closed.

Theatre (application review): September 5, 2007 by teleconference from Room 720. This meeting, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., will be closed.

Literature (application review): September 5-7, 2007 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on September 7th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on September 7th-8th, and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on September 9th, will be closed.

Arts Education (application review): September 18-19, 2007 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on September 19th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on September 18th, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 19th, will be closed.

AccessAbility (application review): September 25, 2007 by teleconference from Room 724. This meeting, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be closed.

Arts Education (application review): September 25-28, 2007 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on September 28th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 25th-27th, and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on September 28th, will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 21, 2007, these sessions will

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: August 13, 2007.

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*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Availability for Public Comment of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the United States Implementing Organization's Participation in the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the availability for comment of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Oversees EIS (OEIS) evaluating potential environmental impacts associated with the NSF funding of the United States Implementing Organization's (USIO) participation in the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP). This EIS was prepared in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), and NSF's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (45 CFR 640.1-640.5). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Programmatic EIS.

Public comments are invited and encouraged concerning the analysis of

environmental issues associated with IODP-USIO activities as presented in the Draft Programmatic EIS/OEIS.

Addresses and Dates: Electronic copies of the Draft Programmatic EIS may be obtained from the Internet at http://joiserver.joiscience.org/Downloads/draft_peis. Written comments on the Draft EIS should be sent to Dr. James Allen, Program Director, Ocean Drilling Program, Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22230; voice (703) 292-8581 or e-mail at jallan@nsf.gov. If the draft Programmatic EIS cannot be obtained from the Internet, an electronic copy on CD or a paper copy may be obtained by e-mailing or writing Dr. Allan at the above address.

The public comment period starts with the publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** and will continue for 45 days until October 1, 2007. NSF will address all comments received or postmarked by that date in the Final Programmatic EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Public meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to present comments, ask questions, and discuss concerns regarding the EIS with NSF officials. The public meetings will be held at NOAA, September 21, 2007, 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Silver Spring Metro Center Building 4, Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, and at Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Lobby Conference Center, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, September 28, 2007, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted at these public meetings as well as during the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written statements and questions regarding the review process for the Draft Programmatic EIS should be submitted by mail to Dr. James Allan, Program Director, Ocean Drilling Program, Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22230; voice (703) 292-8581 or by e-mail at jallan@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1975, the National Science Foundation (NSF) prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the International Phase of Ocean Drilling (IPOD) of the Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP). The 1975 EIS addressed scientific ocean drilling carried out globally in major and minor ocean basins.

In 1985, the NSF prepared an EIS for the new Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) to address the more complicated aspects of proposed drilling techniques and of drilling in high latitudes and Antarctic seas that were not previously addressed in the DSDP/IPOD EIS. Drilling modes that were analyzed in the DSDP/IPOD EIS were reviewed in the 1985 EIS including the use of the research vessel (RV) *JOIDES Resolution*. Additionally, aspects of drilling in deep-ocean trenches, on active spreading centers, and in or near environmentally sensitive regions were considered in the 1985 environmental review. Drilling in both DSDP/IPOD and ODP was riserless, where drill cuttings were typically removed from the borehole by pumped seawater without return circulation to the drillship via an external pipe or riser.

The ODP was formally completed on September 30, 2003. In order to facilitate the seamless continuation of research during the transition from the ODP to the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP), the *JOIDES Resolution* was selected as the platform to continue to conduct riserless drilling activities during Phase 1 of the USIO participation in the IODP. Environmental Assessments (EAs) were prepared in 2004 and 2005 to supplement the 1985 EIS and address the environmental and operating conditions that were specific to the IODP-USIO Phase 1 expeditions that would be performed during 2004 through 2006.

The IODP is an international research program that explores the history and structure of the earth as recorded in seafloor sediments, fluids, and rocks. IODP builds upon the earlier successes of the DSDP and the ODP, which revolutionized our view of Earth history and global processes through ocean basin exploration. IODP seeks to greatly expand the reach of these previous programs by forming a collaborative union between the United States, Japan, and the European Union, each of whom will be responsible for providing drilling platforms appropriate for achieving the scientific objectives outlined in the IODP Initial Science Plan. China and the interim Asian Consortium (South Korea) have joined as additional members. Based on international agreements, the United States is responsible for providing and operating a light, riserless drilling vessel, Japan will provide and operate a heavy, riser drilling-capable vessel, and a European-led consortium will provide and operate Mission Specific Platforms capable of drilling in shallow and Arctic