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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 753-TA-34]

### Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia

**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-34 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 Malaysia of extruded rubber thread, provided for in subheading 4007.00.00 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:** December 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra Baker (202-205-3180), 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 extruded rubber thread from Malaysia was filed on June 30, 1995, by North American Rubber Thread, Fall River, MA.

### 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 January 16, 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 April 10, 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 5, 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 April 27, 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 April 29, 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 April 17, 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 12, 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 12, 1998. On June 4, 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 8, 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.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.46 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: December 16, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Current Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review; Application for Registration (DEA Form 363) and Application for Registration Renewal (DEA Form 363a).

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 1997 at 62 FR 36306, allowing for a 60-day public comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments until January 23, 1998.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: DOJ Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the

Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514-1590.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of the Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Registration (DEA Form 363) and Application for Registration Renewal (DEA Form 363a).

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 363, DEA Form 363a; Applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration; Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: State, Local, or Tribal Government, Other: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs to individuals for maintenance of detoxification treatment must register with the DEA under the Narcotic Addict Treatment Act of 1974. Registration is needed for control measures and is used to prevent diversion.

These revisions of the forms will not add any burden to the affected public. The subject forms are being revised to provide the ability to use an Optical Character Reader (OCR) for form processing and to provide for

registrants' Social Security Number and/or Tax Identification Number. The OCR will enable DEA to increase efficiency and accelerate processing of registrant applications. Social Security Number and/or Tax Identification Numbers are requested to correctly identify registrants, to expedite application processing, database integration and telephone system upgrades.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 1,197 respondents at 1 response per year at 30 minutes per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 599 annual burden hours.

Public comments on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of a Current Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review; Application for Registration (DEA Form 225) and Application for Registration Renewal (DEA Form 225a).

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 1997 at 62 FR 36306, allowing for a 60-day public comment period.

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