

Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in a petition filed on July 30, 1997, by Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Dunkirk, NY; Carpenter Technology Corp., Reading, PA; Republic Engineered Steels, Massillon, OH; Talley Metals Technology, Inc., Hartsville, SC; and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC.

Participation in the Investigations and Public Service List

Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these investigations 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. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

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 the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not reapply for such access. 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 the final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on July 9, 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 the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 22, 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 July 15, 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 July 17, 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 July 16, 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 July 29, 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 investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations on or before July 29, 1998. On August 18, 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 August 20, 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 investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 751-TA-17 through 20]

Titanium Sponge From Japan, Kazakstan, Russia, and Ukraine

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission (Commission).

ACTION: Institution and scheduling of review investigations concerning the U.S. Tariff Commission's affirmative determination in investigation No. AA1921-51, Titanium Sponge from the U.S.S.R., and the Commission's affirmative determination in investigation No. 731-TA-161 (Final), Titanium Sponge from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted investigations pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(b)) (the Act) to review the determination of the U.S. Tariff Commission (predecessor agency to the Commission) in investigation No. AA1921-51, Titanium Sponge from the U.S.S.R., to the extent that determination applies to imports from Kazakstan, Russia, and Ukraine, and its own determination in investigation No. 731-TA-161 (Final), Titanium Sponge from Japan. The purpose of the investigations is to determine whether revocation of the orders covering imports from Japan, Kazakstan, Russia, and Ukraine is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States. Titanium sponge is provided for in subheading 8108.10.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations, hearing procedures, 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, C, D, and E (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan Seiger (202-205-3183), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., 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:

Background.—On April 19, 1968, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) determined that imports of titanium sponge from the U.S.S.R. were being sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) within the meaning of section 201(a) of the Antidumping Act of 1921, as amended (19 U.S.C. 160(a)) (33 FR 6377, Apr. 26, 1968); and on July 23, 1968 the U.S. Tariff Commission determined that an industry in the United States was materially injured by reason of imports of such LTFV merchandise (33 FR 10769, July 27, 1968). Accordingly, Treasury ordered that dumping duties be imposed on such imports (33 FR 12138, Aug. 28, 1968).¹

Further, on September 24, 1984, Commerce determined that imports of titanium sponge from Japan were being sold in the United States at LTFV within the meaning of section 731 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673) (49 FR 38684, Oct. 1, 1984); and on November 7, 1984 the Commission determined, pursuant to section 735(b)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)(1)), that an industry in the United States was threatened with material injury by reason of imports of such LTFV merchandise. Accordingly, Commerce ordered that dumping duties

be imposed on such imports (49 FR 47053, Nov. 30, 1984).

On December 9, 1997, the Commission received a request to review its affirmative determination in investigation No. AA1921-51, as it applied to imports from Russia, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(b)). The request was filed by counsel on behalf of TMC Trading International, Ltd., an Irish trading company involved in the distribution of titanium sponge from Russia, and TMC USA, Inc., its U.S. affiliate. On December 31, 1997, the Commission requested written comments in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 68300) as to whether the changed circumstances alleged by the petitioner were sufficient to warrant institution of review investigations.² After reviewing comments received in response to that request, the Commission determines that certain of the alleged changed circumstances are sufficient to warrant review investigations.

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the investigations 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. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

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 these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. 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 these investigations will be

placed in the nonpublic record on May 22, 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 these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 8, 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 May 29, 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 June 1, 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 June 1, 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 June 15, 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 investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations on or before June 15, 1998. On July 2, 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 July 7, 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,

¹ In 1992, the Department of Commerce (Commerce), in response to the division of the former Soviet Union into 15 independent states, changed the original antidumping finding against the U.S.S.R. to 15 separate antidumping orders covering the Baltic states and the republics of the former Soviet Union (57 FR 36070 (1992)). Commerce has since revoked all of the orders except those on imports from Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine.

² The Commission also invited comment on whether it should institute, on its own initiative, review investigations covering imports of titanium sponge from Japan, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine.

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 investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.45 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Notice of Registration

By Notice dated October 22, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 1997, (62 FR 59735), Guilford Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 6611 Tributary Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of cocaine (9041), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to manufacture cocaine as a final intermediate for the production of dopascan injection. Cocaine derivative are Schedule II controlled substances in the cocaine basic class.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a), as well as information provided by other bulk manufacturers, and determined that the registration of Guilford Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to manufacture cocaine is consistent with the public interest at this time. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above is granted.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Division Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1916-98]

Notice of Modification of Fingerprint Process for Asylum Applicants Facing One-Year Deadline

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) added a provision to the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) which requires that an asylum applicant must file an application for asylum within 1 year after the date of his or her arrival in the United States. Persons who arrived in the United States on or before April 1, 1997, must file asylum applications on or before April 1, 1998. The deadline to file an asylum application by an individual arriving in the United States after April 1, 1997 is 1 year after the date of arrival. Asylum applications filed after the deadline will not be adjudicated unless an asylum officer or an Immigration Judge determines the applicant qualifies for an exception due to changed conditions or extraordinary circumstances. The public is also reminded that this filing deadline applies only to applications for asylum. Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, is an application for both asylum and withholding of removal, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) adjudicators will process withholding of removal claims whether or not the asylum claim is timely. This notice also discusses modifications to the process of submitting fingerprints for asylum applicants who have not yet had fingerprints taken. Applicants are encouraged to submit fingerprints with their application if they can, but an applicant can submit his or her application without fingerprints. The applicant will then be instructed where and when to report to be fingerprinted. Finally, this notice informs the public that the April 1, 1997 or the new 1998 version of Form I-589 must be used

until July 1, 1998. Beginning July 1, 1998, the new 1998 version of the I-589 must be used.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marta Rothwarf, Office of International Affairs, Asylum Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Third Floor ULLICO Bldg., Washington, DC 20536, (202) 305-2900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IIRIRA

added a provision to the Act requiring that an alien must file an asylum application within 1 year after the alien's date of arrival in the United States in order to be eligible for asylum. This provision of IIRIRA came into effect on April 1, 1997. An alien who arrived in the United States on or before April 1, 1997, must file an asylum application no later than April 1, 1998, in order for the application to be timely. An alien who arrived in the United States after April 1, 1997, must file an application within 1 year of the date of arrival in order for the application to be timely.

An alien who has not filed an asylum application within the 1-year filing deadline is not eligible to apply for asylum unless the alien can demonstrate to the asylum officer or Immigration Judge changed circumstances which materially affect the applicant's eligibility for asylum or extraordinary circumstances relating to the delay in filing the application within the time limit. In accordance with 8 CFR 208.4(a)(4), changed circumstances can include changes in conditions in the applicant's country. In accordance with 8 CFR 208.4(a)(5), extraordinary circumstances can include events or factors beyond the applicant's control that caused the late filing.

Some asylum applicants may be having difficulty obtaining the necessary fingerprints. Asylum applicants are encouraged to submit fingerprints with their applications, but, beginning immediately, an applicant can submit his or her asylum application without fingerprints. All other requirements for filing an asylum application remain in effect. The Service will notify each asylum applicant who files without submitting fingerprints where and when to report to have fingerprints taken. Fingerprints must be taken before an asylum application can be adjudicated, and failure to report for a fingerprinting appointment may lead to dismissal of asylum application or referral to an Immigration Judge.

Asylum applications are filed on Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Beginning April 1, 1998, applicants