

Cronese Road, Apple Valley, California 92307 ("Gamut Imports"), and Gamut Trading Company, Inc., 13450 Nomwaket Road Apple Valley, California 92308 ("Gamut Trading"). The cease and desist orders provide that the respondents shall not:

(A) Import or sell for importation into the United States covered products [i.e., agricultural tractors under 50 power take-off horsepower manufactured by Kubota Corporation of Japan that infringe the federally-registered U.S. trademark "KUBOTA"]; or

(B) Sell, market, distribute, offer for sale, or otherwise transfer (except for exportation) in the United States imported covered product.

The cease and desist orders apply not only to the named respondent but also to "any of its principals, stockholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, licensees, distributors, controlled (whether by stock ownership or otherwise) and/or majority-owned business entities, successors and assigns."

On July 16, 1998, complainants Kubota Corporation, Kubota Tractor Corporation, and Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation (collectively "Kubota") filed a complaint seeking institution of a formal enforcement proceeding against Gamut Imports and Gamut Trading, and against two officers and directors of Gamut Trading, Ronald A. DePue and Darrel J. Du Puy. Kubota requested that the Commission enforce the cease and desist orders, impose civil penalties, and impose such other remedies and sanctions as are appropriate.

The Commission, having examined the request for a formal enforcement proceeding filed by Kubota, and having found that the request complies with the requirements for institution of a formal enforcement proceeding, determined to institute formal enforcement proceedings to determine whether Gamut Trading Co., Inc., Gamut Imports, Ronald A. DePue, and/or Darrel J. Du Puy are in violation of the Commission cease and desist orders issued in the investigation and what if any enforcement measures are appropriate.

The following were named as parties to the formal enforcement proceeding: (1) Kubota Corporation, 2-47 Shikitsuhigashi 1-chome, Naniwa-ku, Osaka 556-8601, Japan; Kubota Tractor Corporation, 3401 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California 90503; and Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation, Industrial Park North, 2715 Ramsey Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30501 (complainants in the underlying

investigation and requesters of the formal enforcement proceeding); (2) Gamut Trading Co., Inc., 13450 Nomwaket Road, Apple Valley, California 92308 (enforcement proceeding respondent); (3) Gamut Imports, 14354 Cronese Road, Apple Valley, California 92307 (enforcement proceeding respondent); (4) Ronald A. DePue, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gamut Trading Co., Inc. (enforcement proceeding respondent); (5) Darrel J. Du Puy, Chief Financial Officer, President and member of the Board of Directors of Gamut Trading Co., Inc. (enforcement proceeding respondent); and (6) a Commission investigative attorney to be designated by the Director, Office of Unfair Import Investigations.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and section 210.75 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.75).

Copies of the Commission's order and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this enforcement proceeding are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: September 28, 1998.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-384 and 731-TA-806-808 (Preliminary)]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products From Brazil, Japan, and Russia

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-384 (Preliminary) and antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-806-808 (Preliminary) under sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Brazil of certain hot-rolled steel products that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Brazil, and imports from Brazil, Japan, and Russia of certain hot-rolled steel products that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value.¹ Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 702(c)(1)(B) or 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671a(c)(1)(B) or 19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in these investigations in 45 days, or in this case by November 16, 1998. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by November 23, 1998.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations 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 and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Corkran (202-205-3177), 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed

¹ Such imports are provided for in headings 7208, 7210, 7211, 7212, 7225, and 7226 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

on September 30, 1998, by Bethlehem Steel Corp. (Bethlehem, PA), U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corp. (Pittsburgh, PA); Ispat Inland Steel (East Chicago, IN); LTV Steel Co., Inc. (Cleveland, OH); National Steel Corp. (Mishawaka, IN); California Steel Industries (Fontana, CA); Gallatin Steel Co. (Ghent, KY); Geneva Steel (Vineyard, UT); Gulf States Steel, Inc. (Gadsden, AL); IPSCO Steel Inc. (Muscatine, IA); Steel Dynamics (Butler, IN); Weirton Steel Corp. (Weirton, WV); Independent Steelworkers Union Weirton, WV); and the United Steelworkers of America (Pittsburgh, PA).

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 these investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

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 representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 1998, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Douglas Corkran (202–205–3177) not later than October 19, 1998, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in these

investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before October 26, 1998, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the 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 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: October 1, 1998.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

International Competition Policy Advisory Committee (ICPAC); Notice of Hearings

The International Competition Policy Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee") will hold hearings from November 2–4, 1998. The Advisory Committee was established by the Department of Justice to provide advice regarding issues relating to international competition policy; specifically, how best to cooperate with foreign authorities to eliminate international

anticompetitive agreements, how best to coordinate United States' and foreign antitrust enforcement efforts in the review of multinational mergers, and how best to address issues that interface international trade and competition policy concerns. The hearings will be held at the American Geophysical Union Conference Center, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009–1277. The proposed agenda and schedule for the hearings are as follows:

Day 1—November 2, 1998

Discussion With Foreign Competition Officials

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.—Welcoming Remarks
9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.—Testimony by Officials from Foreign Competition Authorities

1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.—Roundtable
Discussion with Foreign Competition Officials From Jurisdictions That Have Bilateral Antitrust Agreements with the United States

2:30 p.m.–6 p.m.—Roundtable
Discussion with Foreign Competition Officials on Enforcement Cooperation, Multijurisdictional Mergers and Trade and Competition Interface Matters

Day 2—November 3, 1998

Multijurisdictional Mergers

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m.—Opening Remarks
9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.—Panel on Commercial and Economic Perspectives on the Current Merger Wave

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Panel on Information Sharing and Procedural Harmonization (Part I)

1:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.—Panel on Information Sharing and Procedural Harmonization (Part II)

3:30 p.m.–6 p.m.—Panel on Conflicts and Remedies

Day 3—November 4, 1998

9 a.m.–9:15 a.m.—Welcoming Remarks

International Cartels

9:15 a.m.–11 a.m.—Panel on International Cartels in a Global Economy

Trade and Competition Interface

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.—Panel on Enforcement Cooperation: Bilateral and Plurilateral Efforts (Part I)

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.—Panel on Enforcement Cooperation: Bilateral and Plurilateral Efforts (Part II)

3:15 p.m.–6 p.m.—Panel on International Competition Policy, Multilateral Institutions, and Foreign Economic Policy

The hearings format is not final and is subject to further changes. For the