

concerning live cattle from Canada and Mexico (investigations Nos. 701-TA-385 (Preliminary) and 731-TA-809-810 (Preliminary)) are discontinued.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Haines (202-205-3200), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained 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>).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-400]

Conditions of Competition in U.S. Forest Products Trade

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 1998.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on October 19, 1998, from the Committee on Finance, U.S. Senate, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-400, *Conditions of Competition in U.S. Forest Products Trade*, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Industry-specific information may be obtained from William Hoffmeier (202-205-3321), Vincent Honnold (202-205-3314), or William Lipovsky (202-205-3330), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). News media should contact Peg O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information

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Background

The Committee on Finance has requested that the Commission investigate the conditions of competition in forest products trade, with special emphasis on trade barriers and forest practices that may distort domestic and international markets in Asia, Europe, and Latin America, and provide a report setting forth the results of that investigation. As requested by the Committee, the Commission will provide in its report, to the extent possible, the following:

- An overview of the global market for forest products, including consumption, production, capacity, and trade trends during 1994-98;
- A description of the U.S. forest products industry and the major foreign forest products industries in Asia, Europe, and Latin America, including recent changes in production, capacity, marketing practices and market shares;
- A description of trade patterns (both imports and exports) and conditions affecting U.S. forest products trade, including tariff and non-tariff barriers (especially in Asia, Europe, and Latin America), fluctuations in exchange rates, and competition from exporting countries;
- A description of Asian, European, and Latin American government policies affecting U.S. forest products trade, including factors such as financial and other domestic support programs, access to raw materials, regulatory enforcement, forestry practices that may distort domestic and/or international markets for forest products, as well as support from entities such as international financial institutions; and
- A comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of major U.S., Asian, European, and Latin American producers in such areas as raw materials, capital availability, technological capabilities, extent of plant and equipment modernization, present capacity and future planned capacity expansion, and government support.

The investigation will be limited to forest products covered in chapters 44, 47, and 48 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States. The report will include information on future forest products supply and demand trends. As requested, the Commission will provide its completed report to the Committee by October 19, 1999.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 26, 1999. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., May 12, 1999. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., May 14, 1999; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., June 9, 1999. In the event that, as of the close of business on May 12, 1999, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after May 12, 1999, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of, or in addition to, participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 C.F.R. 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m. on June 9, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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List of Subjects

Forest products, exports, imports, markets, trade, production, consumption, capacity, barriers, distortions, financial and government support, exchange rates, United States, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and future trends.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval; Petition for Nonimmigrant Filing Fee Exemption.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by November 20, 1998. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. ALL comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stuart Shapiro, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning

this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 19, 1999. During 60-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. 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 this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: *New information collection.*

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Petition for Nonimmigrant Filing Fee Exemption.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form I-129W. Office of Adjudications, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Business or other for-profit. This addendum to Form I-129 will be used by the INS to determine if an H-1B petitioner is exempt from the additional filing fee of \$500, as provided by the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 100,000 responses at 15 minutes (.25) hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 25,000 annual burden hours.

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: November 13, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance, National White Collar Crime Center; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; new collection: National Opinion Poll on White Collar Crime.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by November 24, 1998. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stewart Shapiro, (202) 395-7857, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Jenny Sundra Layne, 200 Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Morgantown WV 26505, or facsimile at (304) 291-2282. Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should