

§ 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Taiwan of dynamic random access memory semiconductors (DRAMs) of one megabit and above, provided for in subheadings 8542.13.80 and 8473.30.10 through 8473.30.90 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).

#### **Commencement of Final Phase Investigation**

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigation. 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 an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in that investigation under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigation need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. 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 investigation.

#### **Background**

On October 22, 1998, a petition was filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, ID, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and is threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of DRAMs of one megabit and above from Taiwan. Accordingly, effective October 22, 1998, the Commission instituted antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-811 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation 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 October 29, 1998 (63 FR 58066). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on November 13, 1998, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on December 7, 1998. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3149 (December 1998), entitled Dynamic Random Access Memory Semiconductors of One Megabit and Above from Taiwan: Investigation No. 731-TA-811 (Preliminary).

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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
*Secretary.*

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#### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigation 332-401]

#### **Pianos: Economic and Competitive Conditions Affecting the U.S. Industry**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 4, 1998.

**SUMMARY:** Following the receipt of a request on November 12, 1998, from the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-401, Pianos: Economic and Competitive Conditions Affecting the U.S. Industry, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Industry-specific information may be obtained from Mr. David Lundy (202-205-3439) or Mr. Ralph Watkins (202-205-3492), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

#### **Background**

The Commission received the Committee's letter on November 12, 1998. The Committee asked that the Commission institute a factfinding

investigation of the current conditions affecting the domestic piano industry, particularly that portion of the industry producing upright pianos. As requested by the Committee, the Commission will include the following information in its report to the extent possible:

(1) An overview of the global market for pianos, including such factors as consumption, production, and trade during the period 1994-98.

(2) A profile of the U.S. piano industry, including leading producers, importers, distributors, and suppliers of pianos.

(3) Profiles of leading manufacturers in Japan, Korea, China, and Indonesia.

(4) A comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of U.S. and foreign producers regarding factors of competition such as production costs, access to raw materials, labor costs, availability of skilled/experienced labor force, financing, level of technology in the manufacturing process, product appearance, quality as a musical instrument, pricing, and home market strength.

The Committee requested that the Commission in its examination of foreign industries and markets concentrate principally on Japan, Korea, China, and Indonesia. The Committee also requested the Commission take into account currency fluctuations and devaluations in considering the factors of competition. The Commission expects to submit its report to the Committee by May 12, 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 February 17, 1999. All persons shall 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, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., January 29, 1999. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., February 5, 1999; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., March 1, 1999. In the event that, as of the close of business on January 29, 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 of the Commission (202-205-1816) after January 29, 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 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of 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 the close of business on March 1, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules does not authorize the filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-129 (Review)]

### Polychloroprene Rubber From Japan

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of a full five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a full review

pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. For further information concerning the conduct of this review 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, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 FR 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Date of Commission Action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail Burns (202-205-2501), 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.**—On November 5, 1998, the Commission determined that responses to its notice of institution of the subject five-year review were such that a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act should proceed (63 FR 63748, November 16, 1998). A record of the Commissioners' votes and a statement of Chairman Lynn M. Bragg are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

**Participation in the review 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 this review 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, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission's notice

of institution of the review need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the review.

**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 review available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the review, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9), who are parties to the review. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the review 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 review will be placed in the nonpublic record on May 11, 1999, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.64 of the Commission's rules.

**Hearing.**—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the review beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 3, 1999, 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 25, 1999. 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 May 28, 1999, 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), 207.24, and 207.66 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 to the review may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is May 20, 1999. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's