

Washington, DC, on June 17, 1999, 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 July 12, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3210 (July 1999), entitled Nitrile Rubber from Korea: Investigation No. 731-TA-827 (Preliminary).

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-69]

Certain Steel Wire Rod

Determination

On the basis of the information in the investigation, the Commission—

(1) Was equally divided on the question of whether certain steel wire rod¹ is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury or the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974;²

(a) Chairman Lynn M. Bragg, Vice Chairman Marcia E. Miller, and

¹ The imported article covered by this investigation is defined as hot-rolled bars and rods, in irregularly wound coils, of circular or approximately circular solid cross section, having a diameter of 5 mm or more but less than 19 mm, of non-alloy or alloy steel, except such bars and rods of free-machining steel or of alloy steel containing by weight 24 percent or more of nickel. Free-machining steel is any steel product containing by weight one or more of the following elements, in the specified proportions: 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.04 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, and/or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium. Certain steel wire rod is provided for in subheadings 7213.91, 7213.99, 7227.20 and 7227.90.60 of the Harmonized Schedule of the United States (HTS). The scope of this investigation does not cover concrete reinforcing bars and rods, or bars and rods of stainless steel or tool steel, which are provided for in other HTS subheadings.

² Section 330(d)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1330(d)(1)) provides that when the Commission is equally divided on the question of injury under section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, "then the determination agreed upon by either group of commissioners may be considered by the President as the determination of the Commission."

Commissioner Stephen Koplan made an affirmative determination;³

(b) Commissioners Carol T. Crawford, Jennifer A. Hillman, and Thelma J. Askey made a negative determination. In light of their negative determination, Commissioners Crawford, Hillman, and Askey do not believe any import relief is appropriate in this investigation;

(2) Makes negative findings,⁴ pursuant to section 311(a) of the North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3371(a)), with respect to imports of certain steel wire rod from Canada and Mexico.

Recommendations With Respect To Remedy

Vice Chairman Marcia E. Miller and Commissioner Stephen Koplan recommend:

(1) That the President impose an additional duty on imports of certain steel wire rod that are the subject of this investigation, as follows:

First year: 15.0 percent *ad valorem*;
Second year: 13.0 percent *ad valorem*;
Third year: 11.0 percent *ad valorem*; and
Fourth year: 9.0 percent *ad valorem*;

(2) That the additional duty apply to imports of certain steel wire rod from beneficiary countries of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act;

(3) That the additional duty not apply to certain specialty steel wire rod items, specifically, tire cord quality wire rod, pipe wrap quality wire rod, and valve spring quality wire rod;

(4) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of certain steel wire rod from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the additional duty; and

(5) That the additional duty not apply to any imports of certain steel wire rod entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Andean Trade Preference Act, or to imports of certain steel wire rod from Israel.

Chairman Lynn M. Bragg recommends:

(1) That the President impose a duty, in addition to the current rate of duty, for a four-year period, on all imports of steel wire rod that are the subject of this investigation without exclusion except as provided below, as follows:

³ Chairman Lynn M. Bragg made an affirmative determination of threat of serious injury. Vice Chairman Marcia E. Miller and Commissioner Stephen Koplan made an affirmative determination of serious injury. Commissioners Carol T. Crawford, Jennifer A. Hillman, and Thelma J. Askey made a negative determination.

⁴ Chairman Lynn M. Bragg dissenting with respect to Canada. Only Commissioners making an affirmative determination, i.e., Chairman Bragg, Vice Chairman Marcia E. Miller, and Commissioner Stephen Koplan, were required to make findings with respect to imports of certain steel wire rod from Canada and Mexico.

First year: 7 percent *ad valorem*;
Second year: 6.5 percent *ad valorem*;
Third year: 6.0 percent *ad valorem*; and
Fourth year: 5.5 percent *ad valorem*;

(2) That the additional duty described above apply to imports of steel wire rod from Canada under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act;

(3) Having made a negative finding with respect to imports of steel wire rod from Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the increase in duty described above;

(4) That the additional duty described above apply to imports of steel wire rod entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, but that it not apply to imports of steel wire rod entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Andean Trade Preference Act or imports of steel wire rod from Israel.

Background

Following receipt of a properly filed petition on January 12, 1999, by counsel on behalf of Atlantic Steel Industries, Inc., Atlanta, GA; Birmingham Steel Corp., Birmingham, AL; Connecticut Steel Corp., Wallingford, CT; Co-Steel Raritan, Perth Amboy, NJ; GS Industries, Inc., Georgetown, SC; Keystone Steel & Wire Co., Peoria, IL; North Star Steel Co., Minneapolis, MN; North Star Steel Texas Inc., Beaumont, TX; Northwestern Steel & Wire Co., Sterling, IL; the Independent Steel Workers Alliance, Bartonville, IL; and the United Steelworkers of America AFL-CIO, Pittsburgh, PA, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-201-69, Certain Steel Wire Rod, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether certain steel wire rod is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings 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 January 27, 1999 (64 F.R. 4123). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on April 15, 1999, and the hearing on the question of remedy was held on June 8, 1999. Both hearings were held in Washington, DC; 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 President on July 12, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3207 (July 1999), entitled Certain Steel Wire Rod: Investigation No. TA-201-69.

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Secretary.

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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-115 (Review)]

Synthetic Methionine From Japan

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the antidumping finding on synthetic methionine from Japan would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted this review on August 3, 1998 (63 FR 41290) and determined on November 5, 1998 that it would conduct a full review (63 FR 63748, November 16, 1998). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's review and of a public hearing 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** on December 31, 1998 (63 FR 72327). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on May 18, 1999, 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 July 12, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3205 (July 1999), entitled Synthetic Methionine from Japan: Investigation No. AA1921-115 (Review).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Office for Immigration Review; Agency Information Collection Activities: Revision to Existing Collection in Use Without an OMB Control Number; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative Before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Office of Management and Budget approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 1999, at 64 FR 23685, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments until August 18, 1999.

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: Department of Justice Desk Office, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this existing collection of information in use without an OMB Control Number. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the 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 agency's estimate of the burden of the 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:* Revisions to existing collection in use without an OMB Control Number.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative Before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice Sponsoring the collection:* Form EOIR-27, Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* The information collected on EOIR-27 will be used (i) to determine whether or not a responding attorney or representative is duly authorized to represent aliens before the Board of Immigration Appeals, (ii) provide the responding represented party an opportunity to expressly consent to such representation and to the release of Executive Office for Immigration Review records to the representative as required by law, and (iii) to notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Executive Office for Immigration Review of such representation.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* <26,000 responses per year at 6 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 2,600 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: July 14, 1999.

Robert B. Briggs,

Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Justice.

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¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).