

comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029-0114 and is on the forms along with the expiration date. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* Technical Evaluations Series.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0114.

*Summary:* The series of surveys are needed to ensure that technical assistance activities, technology transfer activities and technical forums are useful for those who participate or receive the assistance. Specifically, representatives from State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities, representatives of industry, environmental or citizens groups, or the public, are the recipients of the assistance or participants in these forums. These surveys will be the primary means through which OSM evaluates its performance in meeting the performance goals outlined in its annual plans developed pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* 26 State and Tribal governments, industry organizations and individuals who request information or assistance.

*Total Annual Responses:* 750.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 63.

Dated: August 22, 2007.

**John R. Craynon,**

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1124 and 1125 (Preliminary)]

### Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From Australia and China

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

**ACTION:** Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation Nos. 731-TA-1124 and 1125 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 Australia and China of electrolytic manganese dioxide, provided for in subheading 2820.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by October 9, 2007. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by October 16, 2007.

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:** August 22, 2007.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354), 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>).

The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background.* These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on August 22, 2007, by Tronox LLC, Oklahoma City, OK.

*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 §§ 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 Commission antidumping 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 § 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 September 12, 2007, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354) not later than September 10, 2007, 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 §§ 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before September 17, 2007, 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 §§ 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, except to the extent permitted by § 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002). Even where electronic filing of a document is permitted, certain documents must also be filed in paper form, as specified in II(C) of the Commission's Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures, 67 FR 68168, 68173 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with §§ 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 § 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 22, 2007.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-449 and 731-TA-1118-1121 (Preliminary)]

### Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey

#### Determination

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured<sup>2</sup> or threatened with material injury<sup>3,4</sup> by reason of imports from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube, provided for in subheading 7306.61.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States,<sup>5</sup> that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of China and that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey.<sup>6</sup>

#### Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to § 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the **Federal Register** as

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

<sup>2</sup> Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane determines that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey.

<sup>3</sup> Vice Chairman Shara L. Aranoff, Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun, and Commissioner Irving A. Williamson determine that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey.

<sup>4</sup> Chairman Daniel R. Peason determines that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from China, Korea, and Turkey, but that there is not a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from Mexico.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to February 3, 2007, the merchandise subject to these investigations was properly classified under subheading 7306.60.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

<sup>6</sup> Commissioner Dean A. Pinkert recused himself to avoid any conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict.

provided in § 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) and 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under section 705(a) and 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. 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 investigations.

#### Background

On June 27, 2007, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by twelve U.S. producers,<sup>7</sup> alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from China and LTFV imports from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey. Accordingly, effective June 27, 2007, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-449 (Preliminary) and antidumping investigation Nos. 731-TA-1118-1121 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations 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 July 3, 2007 (72 FR 36479). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 18, 2007, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on August

<sup>7</sup> Allied Tube and Conduit, Harvey, IL; Atlas Tube, Plymouth, MI; California Steel and Tube, City of Industry, CA; EXLTUBE, Kansas City, MO; Hannibal Industries, Los Angeles, CA; Leavitt Tube Company LLC, Chicago, IL; Maruichi American Corporation, Sante Fe Springs, CA; Searing Industries, Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Southland Tube, Birmingham, AL; Vest Inc., Los Angeles, CA; Welded Tube, Concord, Ontario (Canada); and Western Tube and Conduit, Long Beach, CA.