

a notice of investigation are served on the person, (3) the person fails to respond to the complaint and notice or otherwise fails to appear to answer the complaint and notice, (4) the person fails to show good cause why it should not be found in default, and (5) the complainant seeks relief limited to that person. Such an order shall be issued unless, after considering the effect of such exclusion, the Commission finds that such exclusion should not be issued.

The Commission found that each of the statutory requirements for the issuance of a limited exclusion order was met with respect to defaulting respondent Watex. The Commission further determined that the public interest factors enumerated in section 337(g)(1) did not preclude the issuance of such relief. Finally, the Commission determined that bond under the limited exclusion order during the Presidential review period shall be in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of the entered value of the imported articles.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and § 210.16 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.16.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-413 and 731-TA-913-916 and 918 (Final)]

Stainless Steel Bar From France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 705(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1671d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Italy of stainless steel bar, provided for in subheadings 7222.11.00, 7222.19.00, 7222.20.00, and 7222.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), that have been found by the Department of Commerce

to be subsidized by the Government of Italy.

The Commission also determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom of stainless steel bar, provided for in the HTS subheadings listed above, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective December 28, 2000, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Carpenter Technology Corp. (Wyomissing, PA); Crucible Specialty Metals (Syracuse, NY); Electralloy Corp. (Oil City, PA); Empire Specialty Steel, Inc. (Dunkirk, NY); Slater Steels Corp., Specialty Alloys Division (Fort Wayne, IN); and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC (Pittsburgh, PA). The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce certain imports of stainless steel bar from Italy were being subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)) and that certain imports of stainless steel bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)).² Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of September 17, 2001 (66 FR 48063).³ The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2002, 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 February 28, 2002. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3488 (February 2002), entitled *Stainless*

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-440]

Probable Economic Effect of the Reduction or Elimination of U.S. Tariffs

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2002.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on February 11, 2002, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-440, Probable Economic Effect of the Reduction or Elimination of U.S. Tariffs, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

As requested by USTR, the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers of:

- Eliminating U.S. tariffs of 5 percent ad valorem or below on dutiable imports from all U.S. trading partners and reducing all other U.S. tariffs by 50 percent;
- Eliminating U.S. tariffs on all dutiable imports from all U.S. trading partners; and
- Eliminating U.S. tariffs on all dutiable imports from FTAA countries.

The import analysis will consider each article in chapters 1 through 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for which tariffs will remain after the United States fully implements its Uruguay Round tariff commitments. The import advice will be based on the 2002 Harmonized Tariff System nomenclature and 2000 trade data. The report will identify the five largest sources of dutiable imports (including import values) for each article under the scenarios identified above. The Commission will provide its advice on the effect of reduction or elimination of U.S. tariffs no later than August 9, 2002.

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

² Investigation No. 731-TA-917 (Final), concerning stainless steel bar from Taiwan, was terminated effective January 23, 2002 (67 FR 4745, January 31, 2002), consequent to Commerce's final negative LTFV determination with respect to Taiwan (67 FR 3152, January 23, 2002).

³ The Commission published notice of its revised schedule on November 20, 2001 (66 FR 58162).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Industry-specific information may be obtained from Robert Carr, Project Leader (202-205-3402), or George Serletis, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3315), 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). The media should contact Peg O'Laughlin of the Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In his letter to the Commission, the USTR noted that at the November 14, 2001, WTO Ministerial Conference in Doha, Qatar, the United States and other WTO members agreed to launch new multilateral negotiations. The new WTO agenda will include negotiations on agriculture mandated under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization. In addition, the letter noted that at the Quebec City Summit of the Americas last April, leaders of the Western Hemisphere democracies called for the conclusion of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) by no later than January 1, 2005; and that negotiations on agricultural and industrial tariffs in the FTAA will be initiated this year.

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 1, 2002. 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., April 17, 2002. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 19, 2002; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., May 10, 2002. In the event that, as of the close of business on April 17, 2002, 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 (202-205-1806) after April

17, 2002, 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 (original and 14 copies) 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 § 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. The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted by interested parties in its report to the USTR. 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 May 10, 2002. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing 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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

List of Subjects

WTO, FTAA, tariffs, and imports.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decrees Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

Notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2002, two proposed partial consent decrees in *United States v. ABC Compounding Co. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:02-cv-291-RLV, were lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

In this action the United States sought under section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), the recovery of past response costs with respect to the Murphy Avenue Drum Site, located at 1230 Murphy Avenue in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. The defendants in the action are ABC Compounding Co., Davis Manufacturing and Packaging, Inc., Henkel Corporation, Hill Manufacturing Co., Inc., Southern Industrial Chemicals, Inc. (aka "SIC Technologies, Inc." or "SIC"), and Union Carbide Corporation. Together, the two partial consent decrees resolve claims for past response costs at the Site against all defendants. Under the first partial consent decree, all defendants other than SIC have agreed to pay \$465,000 to the Superfund toward EPA's past response costs. The second partial consent decree is an ability-to-pay settlement under which SIC has agreed to pay \$12,000 to the Superfund in four quarterly installments.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decrees for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. ABC Compounding Co. et al.*, DJ # 90-11-3-07393.

The proposed consent decrees may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, 1800 U.S. Courthouse, 75 Spring Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30335, and at the Region 4 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. A copy of the proposed consent decrees may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.50