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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-925 (Final)]

Greenhouse Tomatoes From Canada; Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Portion of the Hearing in Camera

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing to the public.

SUMMARY: Upon request of Eurofresh LLC; Village Farms, LLC; Sunblest Management LLC; Sunblest Farms LLC; and Hydroage (collectively "Petitioners"), the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigation scheduled for February 21, 2002, in camera. See Commission rules 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4) (19 CFR 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4)). The remainder of the hearing will be open to the public. The Commission has determined that seven-day advance notice of the change to a meeting was not possible. See Commission rule 201.35(a), (c)(1) (19 CFR 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Diehl, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-3095, e-mail mdiehl@usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission believes that Petitioners have justified the need for a closed session. Petitioners seek a closed session to allow testimony concerning the reliability of pricing data on the record and the concerning financial data of the Petitioners. Because such discussions will necessitate disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI), they can only occur if a portion of the hearing is held *in camera*. In making this decision, the Commission nevertheless reaffirms its belief that whenever possible its business should be conducted in public.

The hearing will include the usual public presentations by Petitioners and

by respondents, with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include an *in camera* session for a confidential presentation by Petitioners and a rebuttal presentation by respondents. Questions from the Commission relating to the BPI will follow each of the *in camera* presentations. During the *in camera* session the room will be cleared of all persons except those who have been granted access to BPI under a Commission administrative protective order (APO) and are included on the Commission's APO service list in this investigation. See 19 CFR 201.35(b)(1), (2). The time for the parties' presentations and rebuttals in the *in camera* session will be taken from their respective overall allotments for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the *in camera* portions of the hearing should be prepared to present proper identification.

Authority: On behalf of the General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 CFR 201.39) that, in his opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Greenhouse Tomatoes from Canada, Inv. No. 731-TA-925 (Final) may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-439]

U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 2002.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on February 11, 2002, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-439, *U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect*, 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 John Davitt, Project Leader (202-205-3407 or jdavitt@usitc.gov) or Chris Johnson,

Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3488 or cjohnson@usitc.gov), 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

As requested by USTR, the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effects of providing duty-free treatment for imports of products of Singapore on industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers. The analysis will consider each article in chapters 1 through 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for which U.S. tariffs will remain after the United States fully implements its Uruguay Round tariff commitments. The advice will be based on the 2002 Harmonized Tariff System nomenclature and trade data for the year 2000. The USTR requested the Commission to provide the advice in a confidential report, by June 11, 2002, if possible. In his letter to the Commission, the USTR stated that " * * *, the United States and the Republic of Singapore are engaged in negotiations to reach a comprehensive bilateral free trade agreement (FTA). Among other things, the agreement will eliminate tariffs on substantially all trade in goods between the United States and Singapore." He noted that a previous U.S. International Trade Commission report, *U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Potential Trade and Economic Effects*, Inv. No. 332-422 (January 2001) had served as a useful tool in helping formulate U.S. negotiating positions and in conducting an environmental review of the proposed agreement and that the additional advice he is now requesting will assist them in carrying out tariff negotiations with Singapore.

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 April 25, 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,