

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-921 (Preliminary)]

Folding Gift Boxes From China

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of folding gift boxes, provided for in subheadings 4819.20.00 and 4819.50.40 (statistical reporting numbers 4819.20.0040 and 4819.50.4060) 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 February 20, 2001, a petition was filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Harvard Folding Box Company, Inc., Lynn, MA,

and Field Container Company, L.P., Elk Grove, IL, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and is threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of folding gift boxes from China. Accordingly, effective February 20, 2001, the Commission instituted antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-921 (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 March 1, 2001 (66 FR 12957). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 13, 2001, 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 April 6, 2001. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3411 (April 2001), entitled Folding Gift Boxes from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-921 (Preliminary).

Issued: April 12, 2001.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-929-931 (Preliminary)]

Silicomanganese From India, Kazakhstan, and Venezuela

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-929-931 (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 India,

Kazakhstan, and Venezuela of silicomanganese (also known as ferrosilicon manganese), provided for in subheadings 7202.30.00 and 7202.99.50 (statistical reporting numbers 7202.30.0000 and 7202.99.5040) 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 May 21, 2001. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by May 29, 2001.

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: April 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark (202-205-3195), 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-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on April 6, 2001, by Eramet Marietta Inc., Marietta, OH, and the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Local 5-0639, Belpre, OH.

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 sections 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

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

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 section 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 April 30, 2001, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jeff Clark (202-205-3195) not later than April 26, 2001, 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 sections 201.6 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before May 3, 2001, 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 sections 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.

In accordance with sections 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 section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 11, 2001.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-429]

Wheat Trading Practices: Competitive Conditions Between U.S. and Canadian Wheat

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission (ITC).

ACTION: Initiation of investigation and notice of hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2001.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on April 2, 2001, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-429, Wheat Trading Practices: Competitive Conditions Between U.S. and Canadian Wheat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact John Reeder (202-205-3319; reeder@usitc.gov), or Roger Corey (202-205-3327; corey@usitc.gov), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on these studies by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide the

following information in its report to the extent possible:

- A summary of a survey of U.S. Hard Red Spring wheat and Durum wheat purchasers, including wheat millers, as to the conditions of competition between U.S. and Canadian wheat during the 5 most recent years, including such data as quantity and prices, technical considerations in the purchase and sale of U.S. versus Canadian wheat, and other relevant factors of competition;

- A summary of a survey of U.S. Hard Red Spring wheat and Durum wheat exporters as to conditions of competition in key foreign markets in Latin America, the Philippines and other significant markets, between U.S. and Canadian wheat during the 5 most recent years, providing such data as quantity and prices, lost sales of U.S. wheat versus Canadian wheat, technical considerations in the purchase and sale of U.S. versus Canadian wheat, and other relevant factors of competition; and

- A summary of the current conditions of wheat trade between the United States and Canada, including relevant information on prices, exchange rates, transportation, marketing practices, U.S. and Canadian farm policies, and other significant economic factors that might be relevant.

The Commission plans to submit the confidential report to USTR by September 24, 2001, as requested. The letter stated that the Office of the USTR in October 2000 initiated an investigation under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 concerning the acts, policies, and practices of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and the Government of Canada, and that in the course of that investigation representatives of the U.S. wheat industry alleged a number of potentially trade distorting practices, including CWB standing offers to undersell irrespective of market conditions in Canada, the United States and third markets, and a CWB practice of regularly supplying protein levels that are higher than the levels specified in the sales contracts.

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 June 6, 2001. 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