

determination from the presiding administrative law judge in the above captioned investigation terminating the following respondent on the basis of a settlement agreement: Samsung Electronics, Co, Ltd. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This investigation is being conducted pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337). Under the Commission's rules, the presiding officer's initial determination will become the determination of the Commission thirty (30) days after the date of its service upon the parties, unless the Commission orders review of the initial determination. The initial determination in this matter was served upon parties on February 13, 1995.

Copies of the initial determination, the settlement agreement, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-1802. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Interested persons may file written comments with the Commission concerning termination of the aforementioned respondents. The original and 14 copies of all such documents must be filed with the Secretary to the Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, no later than 10 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portions thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment. Such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why confidential treatment should be granted. The Commission will either accept the submission in confidence or return it.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruby J. Dionne, Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Telephone (202) 205-1802.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 13, 1995.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-363 & 364 (Final) and 731-TA-711-715 (Final)]

OCTG From Argentina, Austria, Italy, Japan, and Korea

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution and scheduling of a final countervailing duty investigation and final antidumping investigations and scheduling of the ongoing countervailing duty investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution and scheduling of countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-363 (Final) and antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-711-715 (Final) under sections 705(b) and 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1671d(b) and 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Argentina, Austria, Italy, Japan, and Korea of oil country tubular goods (OCTG),¹ provided for in subheadings 7304.20, 7305.20, and 7306.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The Commission also gives notice of the schedule to be followed in the ongoing countervailing duty investigation regarding imports of OCTG from Italy (inv. No. 701-TA-364 (Final)), which the Commission instituted effective December 2, 1994 (60 F.R. 2983, January 12, 1995).

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations, hearing procedures, 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 C (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 1995 (inv. No. 701-TA-364 (Final)) and January 30, 1995 (invs. Nos. 731-TA-711-715 (Final)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Corkran (202-205-3177), 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

¹ For the purposes of these investigations, OCTG are hollow steel products of circular cross-section. These products include oil well casing, tubing, and drill pipe, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute ("API") or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes). This investigation does not cover casing, tubing, or drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium.

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. Information can also be obtained by calling the Office of Investigations' remote bulletin board system for personal computers at 202-205-1895 (N,8,1).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—The subject investigations are being instituted as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of section 703 of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671b) are being provided to manufacturers, producers, or exporters in Austria of OCTG and that imports of OCTG from Argentina, Austria, Italy, Japan, and Korea are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b). These investigations were requested in petitions filed on June 30, 1994, by Bellville Tube Corp. (Bellville, TX); IPSCO Steel, Inc. (Camanche, IA); Koppel Steel Corp. (Beaver Falls, PA); Maverick Tube Corp. (Chesterfield, MO); North Star Steel Ohio (Youngstown, OH); U.S. Steel Group (Pittsburgh, PA); and USS/Kobe Steel Co. (Lorain, OH).

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Any person having already filed an entry of appearance in the countervailing duty investigation on OCTG from Italy is considered a party in the antidumping investigations. Any other persons wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, not later than twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 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 final investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than twenty-one (21) 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.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on June 14, 1995, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 27, 1995, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before June 20, 1995. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 22, 1995, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.23(b) of the Commission's rules. Parties are strongly encouraged to submit as early in the investigations as possible any requests to present a portion of their hearing testimony in camera.

Written submissions.—Each party is encouraged to submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.22 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is June 21, 1995. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.23(b) of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.24 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is July 6, 1995; witness testimony must be filed no later than three (3) days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations on or before July 6, 1995. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules.

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 the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This notice is published pursuant to section 207.20 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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Possible Modifications to the International Harmonized System Nomenclature

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Request for proposals to amend the international Harmonized System nomenclature.

SUMMARY: The Commission is soliciting proposals from interested parties and agencies to amend the international Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), including the rules of interpretation, section and chapter notes and the texts of the headings and subheadings, with a view to keeping the System current with changes in technology and trading patterns. Specific proposals in this connection will be reviewed by the Commission staff for potential submission to the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization (WCO), in Brussels, Belgium.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs & Trade Agreements (O/TA&TA) (telephone (202) 205-2592) or Holm J. Kappler, Deputy Director (O/TA&TA) ((202) 205-2598), U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20436.

BACKGROUND: Beginning with its 11th Session in March, 1995, the HS Review Sub-Committee of the WCO will initiate its second major review of the Harmonized System. Administered by the WCO, the Harmonized System provides the basis for the customs tariff and statistical nomenclatures of all

major trading countries of the world, including the United States.

The Harmonized System was established by an international convention, which, *inter alia*, provides that the System should be kept up-to-date in the light of changes in technology and patterns of international trade.

The Commission, the U.S. Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census have been assigned responsibilities for the development of U.S. technical proposals related to the Harmonized System under section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 3010). As indicated in a 1988 notice issued by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) (53 FR 45646 of Nov. 10, 1988), the Commission is the lead agency in considering proposals for amendments to the Harmonized System that are intended to ensure that the System is kept abreast of changes in technology and patterns of international trade.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS: In accordance with the USTR notice, the Commission is seeking proposals for specific modifications to the Harmonized System (including the rules of interpretation, section and chapter notes and the texts of the headings and subheadings) that will further the above goals. *No proposals for changes to the national-level provisions (which include U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review.* Interested parties, associations and government agencies should submit specific language for proposed amendments to the Harmonized System together with appropriate descriptive comments and, to the extent available, trade data.

As part of this review, the Commission particularly invites proposals concerning the following matters:

- The separate identification in the HS of waste products of environmental concern,
- The separate identification of dangerous or toxic chemicals,
- The deletion of HS headings or subheadings with low trade volume,
- The identification of new products important in international trade,
- The simplification of the HS, e.g., by the elimination of classification provisions which are difficult to administer.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: Interested parties, including other Federal agencies, are invited to submit written proposals concerning this review of the Harmonized System. Proposals must be