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By Order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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**[Investigation No. 332-288]**

**Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use:  
Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** Section 7 of the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2703 note), which concerns local feedstock requirements for fuel ethyl alcohol imported by the United States from CBI-beneficiary countries, requires the Commission to determine annually the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30. The domestic market estimate made by the Commission is to be used to establish the "base quantity" of imports that can be imported with a zero percent local feedstock requirement. The base quantity to be used by the U.S. Customs Service in the administration of the law is the greater of 60 million gallons or 7 percent of U.S. consumption as determined by the Commission. Beyond the base quantity of imports, progressively higher local feedstock requirements are placed on imports of fuel ethyl alcohol and mixtures from the CBI-beneficiary countries.

For the 12-month period ending September 30, 1995, the Commission has determined the level of U.S. consumption of fuel ethyl alcohol to be 1.30 billion gallons. Seven percent of this amount is 91.0 million gallons (these figures have been rounded). Therefore, the base quantity for 1996 should be 91.0 million gallons.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 15, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jean Harman (202) 205-3313 in the Commission's Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at (202) 205-3091. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter

can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

**Background**

For purposes of making determinations of the U.S. market for fuel ethyl alcohol as required by section 7 of the Act, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-288, Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports, in March 1990. The Commission uses official statistics of the U.S. Department of Energy to make these determinations as well as the PIERS database of the Journal of Commerce which is based on U.S. export declarations.

Section 225 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-382, August 20, 1990) amended the original language set forth in the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act of 1989. The amendment requires the Commission to make a determination of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol for each year after 1989.

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**[Investigation No. 731-TA-724 (Final)]**

**Manganese Metal From the People's Republic of China**

**Determination**

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigation, the Commission determines,<sup>2</sup> pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act),<sup>3</sup> that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from the People's Republic of China (China) of manganese metal,<sup>4</sup> provided

<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>Chairman Peter S. Watson and Commissioner Carol T. Crawford dissenting.

<sup>3</sup>The petition in this investigation was filed prior to the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). See *Pub. L. 103-465*, 108 Stat. 4809 at § 291. Therefore, this investigation was conducted pursuant to the substantive and procedural rules of law that existed prior to the URAA.

<sup>4</sup>For purposes of this investigation, manganese metal is composed principally of manganese, by weight, but also contains some impurities such as carbon, sulfur, phosphorous, iron, and silicon. Manganese metal contains by weight not less than 95 percent manganese. All compositions, forms, and sizes of manganese metal are included within the scope of this investigation, including metal flake, powder, compressed powder, and fines.

for in subheadings 8111.00.45 and 8111.00.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, 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 this investigation effective June 13, 1995, following a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of manganese metal from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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 6, 1995 (60 FR 35223). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on November 1, 1995, 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 December 15, 1995. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 2939 (December 1995), entitled "Manganese Metal from the People's Republic of China: Investigation No. 731-TA-724 (Final)."

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Lodging of Settlement Agreement and Release, Regarding Matters Relating to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and Other Environmental Statutes**

In accordance with Departmental policy, notice is hereby given that a proposed Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") in *In re Avtex Fibers Front Royal, Inc.* ("AFFRI"), Bankr. No. 90-20290 (E.D. Pa.), was lodged on December 11, 1995, with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The United States has entered into the Agreement on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").