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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-732 and 733 (Final)]

### Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Romania and South Africa

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution and scheduling of final antidumping investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of final antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-732 and 733 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether 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 less-than-fair-value imports of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from Romania and South Africa, provided for in subheading 7306.30.10 and 7306.30.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

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:** November 28, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim McClure (202-205-3191), 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> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

These investigations are being instituted as a result of an affirmative

preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from Romania and South Africa 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). The investigations were requested in a petition filed on April 26, 1995, by Allied Tube, Harvey, IL; ARMCO/Sawhill, Sharon, PA; LTV Steel, Youngstown, OH; Sharon Tube, Sharon, PA; Laclede Steel, St. Louis, MO; Wheatland Tube, Collingswood, NJ; and Century Tube, Pine Bluff, AR.

#### Participation in the Investigations and Public Service List

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 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 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 final investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in these investigations, provided that the application is made not later than 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 April 4, 1996, 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 April 17, 1996, 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 April 5, 1996. 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 April 10, 1996, 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 April 11, 1996. 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 April 23, 1996; witness testimony must be filed no later than three 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 April 23, 1996. On May 14, 1996, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before May 17, 1996, but such final comments must not contain new factual information, or comment on information disclosed prior to the filing of posthearing briefs, and must otherwise comply with section 207.29 of the Commission's rules. 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 Commission's 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 207.20 of the Commission's rules.

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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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Secretary.

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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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Secretary.

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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").