

restrictions. This category includes any other non-tariff barriers as well as policies and practices with respect to regulation, intellectual property rights, standards and conformance, customs procedures, investment, oligopolistic behavior, services, and/or government procurement which materially limit trade and investment but for which there has hitherto been relatively little quantitative assessment.

- Papers emphasizing modeling of APEC trade liberalization with economy-wide perspectives.
- Papers which bridge and synthesize the above two areas of interest would be particularly welcome.

Papers presented at the symposium must meet the following criteria:

(1) All papers must describe any technical assumptions and methods employed to obtain the results presented and provide full details about the data and scenarios evaluated. This requirement is critical because the purpose of the symposium is to provide an objective critical assessment of this research.

(2) The research described in papers emphasizing modeling of APEC trade liberalization must be economy-wide in scope, whether they are multi-country models or single-country models. Economy-wide models include all sectors of the economies represented, though with varying degrees of disaggregation, and allow for explicit analysis of the complex interactions inherent in comprehensive economic policy changes, such as free trade agreements, even when the focus of such analysis is on a particular sector. Research within the scope of this investigation include both (i) computable general equilibrium (CGE) trade policy modeling; and (ii) economy-wide, multi-sector macroeconomic models. The research should take into account the effects of APEC trade liberalization on production, income, trade, employment, and prices. Because scheduling will be tight, persons interested in presenting papers or participating as discussants should submit a curriculum vitae and description of the relevant research to Nancy Benjamin (202-205-3125) or William Donnelly (202-205-3223), Research Division, Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission, by May 30, 1997.

Discussants will be designated to provide detailed written critiques of the papers reviewed. All papers to be presented must meet recognized academic standards. It is also required that all papers be technically transparent and provide technical details about the methods and data

employed to obtain results. The final scheduling of papers and discussants will be made by Commission staff and will be published in a subsequent Federal Register notice by July 15, 1997. All papers must be provided to the Commission in a form ready for distribution 30 days prior to the symposium, and must meet the criteria outlined above.

**SYMPOSIUM:** The symposium will be held on September 11 and 12, 1997 at the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington DC. Members of the public may attend the symposium and there will be an opportunity for brief technical comments on the papers from the audience. Those who would like to attend the symposium are requested to indicate their intention by sending a letter or fax to the Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission (fax no. 202-205-2340) by September 2, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 as Amended

In accordance with Department of Justice policy, 28 CFR 50.7 notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Farber, et al.*, Civil No. 86-3736, was lodged on November 19, 1996, with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The decree resolves claims against Benjamin Farber in the above-referenced action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA") for contamination at the Syncon Resins Site in South Kearny, New Jersey (the "Site"). In the proposed consent decree, Mr. Farber agrees to a judgment against him in the amount of \$19 million, agrees to reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for \$750,000 in past response costs incurred by EPA at the Site, pay the net proceeds of the sale of the Site and pay a percentage of any insurance recovery relating to the Site. This settlement was reached based on an assessment of Mr. Farber's ability to pay.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Farber, et al.*, DOJ Ref. Number 90-11-3-116.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad St., Room 502, Newark, New Jersey, 07102; the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10278; and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.00 for the Consent Decree (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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### Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreements Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that proposed Settlement Agreements in *United States v. H. K. Porter Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 96C-579 and *In Re H. K. Porter Company, Inc.*, Bankruptcy No. 91-00468WWB were lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on November 4, 1996 and filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on November 6, 1996. The proposed Settlement Agreements resolve the claims of the plaintiff, the United States of America, filed against defendant, H. K. Porter, Inc. ("Porter") in district court and bankruptcy court pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

The Settlement Agreements pertain to the Bollinger Steel Superfund Site ("Site"), located in the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. They require Porter, a