

non-institutional use from Indonesia are negligible.

Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective February 6, 1996, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by the American Melamine Institutional Tableware Association (AMITA).⁶ The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that imports of melamine institutional dinnerware from China, Indonesia, and Taiwan were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigations 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 September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47957). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on January 9, 1997, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on February 18, 1997. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3016 (February 1997), entitled "Melamine Institutional Dinnerware from China, Indonesia, and Taiwan: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-741, 742, and 743 (Final)."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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[Investigation Nos. 332-350 and 332-351]

Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Publication of monitoring reports in 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy McCarty (202-205-3324) or Lowell Grant (202-205-3312), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries, or William Gearhart (202-205-3091), 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).

Background

Section 316 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3381) directs the Commission to monitor imports of fresh or chilled tomatoes (HTS heading 0702.00) and fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.00), until January 1, 2009, as if a request for such monitoring had been made under section 202(d) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(d)), for purposes of expediting an investigation concerning provisional relief under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974. In response, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes (59 F.R. 1763, January 12, 1994) and Investigation No. 332-351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers (59 F.R. 1762, January 12, 1994).

Although section 316 of the NAFTA Implementation Act does not require the Commission to publish reports on the results of its monitoring activities, the Commission has endeavored to do so in those years in which it was not conducting an investigation under other statutory authority with respect to such products. Thus, no monitoring reports were published in 1996 when the Commission conducted Investigation No. TA-201-66, Fresh Tomatoes and Bell Peppers (61 F.R. 13875, March 28, 1996), under section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b)); and antidumping Investigation No. 731-TA-47 (Preliminary), Fresh Tomatoes from Mexico (61 F.R. 15968, April 10, 1996), under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). The Commission made a negative injury determination in the section 201 investigation on July 2, 1996; the Commission's antidumping investigation was suspended, effective November 1, 1996, following the signing of a suspension agreement.

The Commission will publish monitoring reports, containing data for both 1996 and 1997, in September 1997.

By order of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

American Olean Tile Company, Incorporated A/K/A Dal Tile Company; TA-W-31, 870 Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Et. Al.; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on February 26, 1996, applicable to all workers of American Olean Tile Company, Incorporated, located in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. The worker certification was subsequently amended to correct the impact date and to include worker separations that occurred at various operating facilities of American Olean Tile Company in the United States. The most recent amendment was published in the Federal Register on June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28898).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Findings show that Dal Tile Company merged with American Olean Tile Company prior to the Department's worker certification. Based on this information, the Department is amending the worker certification to reflect that American Olean Tile is also known as Dal Tile Company. The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by increased imports of tile.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-31, 870 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of American Olean Tile Company, Incorporated, also known as Dal Tile Company, Lansdale, Pennsylvania (TA-W-31, 870), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 15, 1996; and all workers of American Olean Tile Company, Incorporated, also known as Dal Tile Company, at the various locations cited below, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 24, 1995 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974: TA-W-31,870A Alabama
TA-W-31,870B Arizona
TA-W-31,870C California

⁶ The members of AMITA are Carlisle Food Service Products (formerly known as Continental/SiLite International Co.), Oklahoma City, OK; Lexington United Corp. (National Plastics Corp.), Port Gibson, MS; and Plastics Manufacturing Co. (Sun Coast Industries, Inc.), Dallas, TX.