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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on April 3, 1997, at the American Legion Hall, Hoopa, California. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: government-to-government relationships and consultation, implementation and effectiveness monitoring, and a panel discussion by three Provincial Advisory Committees. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Ave., P.O. 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-326-6265).

Dated: March 17, 1997.

Donald R. Knowles,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Steel Wire Rod From Canada, Germany, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Doyle (Canada and Trinidad and Tobago), at (202) 482-0172; Edward Easton (Germany), at (202) 482-1777; or David Goldberger (Venezuela), at (202) 482-4136, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Initiation of Investigations

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

The Petition

On February 26, 1997, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") received a petition filed in proper form by Connecticut Steel Corp., Co-Steel Raritan, GS Industries, Inc., Keystone Steel & Wire Co., North Star Steel Texas, Inc., and Northwestern Steel & Wire Co. ("petitioners"). The Department received supplemental information to the petition on March 11, 1997.

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Act, petitioners allege that imports of steel wire rod ("SWR") from Canada, Germany, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are

materially injuring an industry in the United States.

The Department finds that petitioners have standing to file the petition because they are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act.

Scope of Investigations

The products covered by these investigations are certain hot-rolled carbon steel and alloy steel products, in coils, of approximately round cross section, between 5.00 mm (0.20 inch) and 19.0 mm (0.75 inch), inclusive, in solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; (e) free machining steel that contains by weight 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.4 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, and/or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium; or f) concrete reinforcing bars and rods.

The following products are also excluded from the scope of these investigations:

- Coiled products 5.50 mm or less in true diameter with an average partial decarburization per coil of no more than 70 microns in depth, no inclusions greater than 20 microns, containing by weight the following: carbon greater than or equal to 0.68 percent; aluminum less than or equal to 0.005 percent; phosphorus plus sulfur less than or equal to 0.040 percent; maximum combined copper, nickel and chromium content of 0.13 percent; and nitrogen less than or equal to 0.006 percent. This product is commonly referred to as "Tire Cord Wire Rod."
- Coiled products 7.9 to 18 mm in diameter, with a partial decarburization of 75 microns or less in depth and seams no more than 75 microns in depth; containing 0.48 to 0.73 percent carbon by weight. This product is commonly referred to as "Valve Spring Quality Wire Rod."

The products under investigation are currently classifiable under subheadings 7213.91.3000, 7213.91.4500, 7213.91.6000, 7213.99.0030, 7213.99.0090, 7227.20.0000, and 7227.90.6050 of the HTSUS. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided