

b. The accuracy of Reclamation's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

c. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

d. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Reclamation's intention to seek renewal of this information collection and request for public comment was published in **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 16605, Apr. 7, 1997. No comments were received in response to this notice.

Stan Dunn,

Director, Administrative Service Center.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-237]

Production Sharing: Use of U.S. Components and Materials in Foreign Assembly Operations, 1993-96 (U.S. Imports Under Production-Sharing Provisions of Harmonized Tariff Schedule Heading 9802)

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 17, 1997.

ACTION: Opportunity to submit written statements in connection with the report which covers developments in 1996.

SUMMARY: The Commission has prepared and published annual reports on production sharing under this series since 1986. The Commission plans to publish the next report in December 1997, which will cover U.S. import data on production sharing for 1993-96.

Alternative collection methods for production-sharing trade data are being considered by various government entities to improve this statistical review, as noted in the recently published report. Comments and suggestions regarding this issue are welcome in written submissions as specified below. The latest report for the period 1992-1995 (USITC Publication 3032, April 1997) may be obtained from the ITC's Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>). A printed report may be requested by contacting the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000, or by fax at 202-205-2104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the production-sharing

report may be directed to Ralph J. Watkins, Office of Industries (202-205-3492). For information on legal aspects, please contact Mr. William W. Gearhart, Office of General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Ms. Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Background: The initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the **Federal Register** of September 4, 1986 (51 F.R. 31729). The report has been published in the current series under investigation No. 332-237 annually since December 1986. The report, originally entitled "Imports Under Items 806.30 and 807.00 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, 1982-85," has undergone a number of changes in the title to reflect the adoption of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and modifications to the applicable provisions of that schedule.

As in past years, the report will provide an analysis of developments in U.S. imports under the production-sharing provisions of the HTS, focusing on shifts in trade and product mix as well as trends by principal country sources and industry groups. The report will also assess U.S. production generated as a result of foreign assembly, the use of production sharing by foreign manufacturers, the effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on U.S. parts producers, and developments in the global integration of specific industries. The report will also contain a special section on the use of maquiladoras in Mexico by Canadian companies and their relationship with parts producers in the United States.

Written Submissions: No public hearing is planned. However interested persons are invited to submit written comments on developments in production-sharing trade. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be provided on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the

Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on September 2, 1997. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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.

List of Subjects: Production sharing, foreign assembly, infrastructure, globalization, apparel, NAFTA.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-372]

The Economic Implications of Liberalizing APEC Tariff and Nontariff Barriers to Trade

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of public symposium.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 14, 1997.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on November 1, 1996 of a request from the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-372, *The Economic Implications of Liberalizing APEC Tariff and Nontariff Barriers To Trade*, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). The USTR asked that the Commission provide an objective, critical report, based on a symposium to be held by the Commission, on the identification and assessment of the impact of nontariff barriers (NTBs) to trade and investment in APEC and on the general equilibrium modeling of APEC trade liberalization. As indicated in the notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 4, 1996 (61 F.R. 64365) announcing institution of the investigation, the symposium schedule was to be published in a subsequent **Federal Register** Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Benjamin, Office of Economics, at (202) 205-3125. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819).