

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-396]

### Certain Removable Electronic Cards and Electronic Card Reader Devices and Products Containing Same; Notice of Commission Decisions To Extend Deadline for Determining Whether to Review Final Initial Determination and To Extend Target Date for Completion of Investigation

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend by seventeen calendar days (1) the deadline for deciding whether to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") final initial determination (ID) issued on March 24, 1998, and (2) the target date for completion of the investigation. The deadline for deciding whether to review the ID is now May 28, 1998; the target date for completion of the investigation is now July 20, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Diehl, *Esq.*, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3095.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission instituted this investigation on April 2, 1997, based on a complaint filed by Innovatron S.A. of Paris, France, in which Innovatron alleged that Thomson Multimedia, S.A. of Paris, France, and Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, by importing and selling certain removable electronic cards and electronic card reader devices and products containing same that infringe claim 8 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,404,464.

The presiding ALJ initially set April 2, 1998, as the target date for completion of the investigation, with his final ID to be issued by January 2, 1998. He subsequently extended the target date for completion to July 2, 1998, with his final ID to be issued by April 2, 1998. The final ID was actually issued on March 24, 1998.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rules 210.42 and 210.51, 19 CFR 210.42 and 210.51. Copies of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during

official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: April 3, 1998.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-376-379 (Preliminary) and Investigations Nos. 731-TA-788-793 (Preliminary)]

### Certain Stainless Steel Plate From Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan

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

**ACTION:** Institution of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase countervailing duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-376-379 (Preliminary) under section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that 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 imports from Belgium, Italy, Korea, and South Africa of certain stainless steel plate in coils, provided for in subheadings 7219.11.00, 7219.12.00, 7219.31.00, and 7220.11.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the respective Governments of Belgium, Italy, Korea, and South Africa. The Commission also gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-788-793 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication

that 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 such imports from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 702(c)(1)(B) or 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671a(c)(1)(B) or 19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach preliminary determinations in countervailing duty and antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by May 15, 1998. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by May 22, 1998.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations 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 B (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 31, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Olympia Hand (202-205-3182), 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>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

These investigations are being instituted in response to petitions filed on March 31, 1998, by Armco, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA; J&L Specialty Steel, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA; Lukens Inc., Coatesville, PA; and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC.

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

Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users