

disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-394]

Broom Corn Brooms: Efforts of Workers and Firms in the Industry To Make a Positive Adjustment To Import Competition

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 1998.

SUMMARY: Following receipt, on May 11, 1998, of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) instituted investigation No. 332-394, Broom Corn Brooms: Efforts of Workers and Firms in the Industry to Make a Positive Adjustment to Import Competition, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). As requested by USTR, the Commission's report on the investigation will focus on developments in the domestic broom corn broom industry, including efforts of workers and firms in the industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition, since November 28, 1996, when the President, pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2253), issued Proclamation 6961, temporarily increasing duties on imports of certain types of broom corn brooms.¹ As requested by the USTR, the Commission will transmit its report to the USTR no later than August 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim McClure (202-205-3191), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E St., SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the 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:

Written Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of

¹ Broom corn brooms made wholly or in part of broom corn (including broom heads), covered by subheadings 9603.10.40, 9603.10.50, and 9603.10.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., June 25, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons submitting confidential business information should be aware that the Commission may include some or all such confidential business information in its report to USTR. In addition, the Commission may use the confidential business information you provide in this investigation in other investigations of the same products which are conducted under other statutory authority. Any confidential business information so used will be afforded the protection provided under the appropriate statutory authority.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From Greece and Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission (Commission).

ACTION: Request for comments regarding the institution of section 751(b) review investigations concerning the Commission's affirmative determinations in the following investigations:

Country	Action taken by the Commission			Action taken by the Dept. of Commerce		
	Investigation No.	Date of de-termination	Federal Register citation	Order No.	Date of order	Federal Register citation
Greece	731-TA-406	04/10/89	54 FR 16010	A-484-801	04/17/89	54 FR 15243
Japan	731-TA-408	4/10/89	54 FR 16010	A-588-806	04/17/89	54 FR 15244

SUMMARY: The Commission invites comments from the public on whether changed circumstances exist sufficient to warrant the institution of investigations pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act),¹ to review the affirmative determinations of the Commission in the above investigations. The purpose of the proposed review investigations is to determine whether revocation of the existing antidumping orders on imports of electrolytic manganese dioxide (EMD) from Greece and Japan is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury.² EMD is provided for in subheading 2820.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Fischer (202-205-3179) or Vera Libeau (202-205-3176), 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 at <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 26, 1998, the Commission received a request to review its affirmative determination, as it applied to imports from Greece (the request), in the light of changed circumstances, pursuant to section 751(b) of the Act.³ The request was filed by counsel on behalf of Eveready Battery Company, St. Louis, MO. Eveready Battery is one of three U.S. producers of EMD. The company is a captive producer of EMD and a purchaser of EMD from other U.S. and foreign manufacturers. EMD is a major ingredient in the manufacture of

dry cell batteries used in portable electronic devices.

The alleged changed circumstances in the request include:

(1) Structural changes in battery consumption (and therefore in EMD consumption) have created significantly increased demand for batteries; existing U.S. EMD producers are operating at full capacity and cannot meet the increased demand for regular or high-drain EMD; forecast growth in demand for batteries and EMD during the next few years will consume all U.S. production of EMD as well as all available capacity from qualified producers in countries not subject to antidumping orders.

(2) In addition to the two types of EMD examined in the Commission's 1988 investigations—low-drain carbon-zinc EMD used in zinc-chloride batteries and low-to-moderate drain alkaline EMD used in alkaline batteries of all sizes—there is now a third recognized type of EMD—high-drain alkaline EMD used in AA and AAA size alkaline batteries suited to meet the power requirements of new high-drain electronic products that have flooded the market in the 1990s; imports from Greece would likely be of a different type of EMD (high-drain EMD) than the EMD originally before the Commission in 1988.

(3) At the time of the Commission's original investigations in 1988, imports of EMD from Greece represented less than 1 percent of total U.S. imports; under subsequent and current trade law, the Commission could have excluded imports from Greece as negligible imports; should the existing antidumping duty order be revoked, available EMD from Greece would be limited to such a small quantity that it could have no material impact on EMD producers in the United States.

Because some of the alleged changed circumstances predominantly relate to the domestic industry and are not limited to imports from Greece, submissions should also address the possibility of the Commission self-initiating a review of the outstanding order on Japan.

Written Comments Requested

Pursuant to § 207.45(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,⁴ the Commission requests comments concerning whether the alleged changed circumstances are sufficient to warrant institution of review investigations.

Written Submissions

In accordance with section 201.8 of the Commission's rules,⁵ the signed original and 14 copies of all written submissions must be filed with the Secretary to the Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436. All comments must be filed no later than July 6, 1998, which is at least 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Commission's determination regarding initiation of review investigations is due within 30 days of the close of the comment period. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request business confidential treatment under section § 201.6 of the Commission's rules.⁶ Such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. Each sheet must be clearly marked at the top "Confidential Business Information." The Commission will either accept the submission in confidence or return it. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Secretary.

Copies of the non-confidential version of the request and any other documents in this matter are available for public inspection during regular business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission; telephone 202-205-2000.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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¹ 19 U.S.C. § 1675(b).

² 19 U.S.C. § 1675(b)(2)(A).

³ 19 U.S.C. § 1675(b).

⁴ 19 CFR 207.45(b).

⁵ 19 CFR 201.8.

⁶ 19 CFR 201.6.