

Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (telephone no. 202-395-7340). Copies of any comments should also be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal, (telephone no. 202-205-1810).

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-288]

Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 1998.

SUMMARY: Section 7 of the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2703 note), which concerns local feedstock requirements for fuel ethyl alcohol imported by the United States from CBI-beneficiary countries, requires the Commission to determine annually the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30. The domestic market determination made by the Commission is to be used to establish the "base quantity" of imports that can be imported with a zero percent local feedstock requirement. The base quantity to be used by the U.S. Customs Service in the administration of the law is the greater of 60 million gallons or 7 percent of U.S. consumption as determined by the Commission. Beyond the base quantity of imports, progressively higher local feedstock requirements are placed on imports of fuel ethyl alcohol and mixtures from the CBI-beneficiary countries.

For the 12-month period ending September 30, 1998, the Commission has determined the level of U.S. consumption of fuel ethyl alcohol to be 1.3 billion gallons. Seven percent of this amount is 94.1 million gallons (these

figures have been rounded). Therefore, the base quantity for 1999 should be 94.1 million gallons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lowell Grant (202) 205-3312 in the Commission's Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at (202) 205-3091. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

BACKGROUND: For purposes of making determinations of the U.S. market for fuel ethyl alcohol as required by section 7 of the Act, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-288, Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports, in March 1990. The Commission uses official statistics of the U.S. Department of Energy to make these determinations as well as the PIERS database of the Journal of Commerce, which is based on U.S. export declarations.

Section 225 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-382, August 20, 1990) amended the original language set forth in the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act of 1989. The amendment requires the Commission to make a determination of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol for each year after 1989.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d) and Departmental policy at 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 9, 1998, a proposed Amended Consent Decree in *United States v. Amoco Chemical Co., et al.*, Civil Action No. H-892734, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. The proposed Amended Consent Decree modifies the obligations of the Defendants, under the Consent Decree entered in this action in 1991, to implement a remedial action for the Brio Superfund site, located near

Friendswood, Harris County, Texas, to reflect the change in the remedial action adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in a Record of Decision dated July 2, 1997. EPA modified the required remedial action by eliminating the requirements for excavation and on-site incineration of contaminated materials and adding requirements for an "enhanced containment" remedy, including a barrier wall to prevent future off-site migration of contaminants.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, the Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Amended Consent Decree from persons who are not parties to the action. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Amoco Chemical Co., et al.*, DOJ #90-11-2-325.

The proposed Amended Consent Decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, 910 Travis Street, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas, 77208 and at the office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202 (Attention: Anne Foster, Assistant Regional Counsel). A copy of the Consent decree may also be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. Copies of the decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. Such requests should be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$14.25 (25 cents per page reproduction charge for decree, without attachments) payable to "Consent Decree Library". When requesting copies, please refer to *United States v. Amoco Chemical Co., et al.*, DOJ #90-11-2-325.

Joel Gross,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Consent Judgments Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d), notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in