

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

(Closed to the Public 1:30 PM)

1. Insurance Project in Argentina.
2. Insurance Project in Argentina.
3. Insurance Project in Argentina.
4. Finance project in Brazil and Bolivia.
5. Finance project in India.
6. Insurance project in Russia.
7. Insurance project in Azerbaijan.
8. Approval of December 15, 1998 Minutes (Closed Portion).
9. Pending Major Projects.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Ch. 35), the Commission intends to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget to issue a survey to participants in Commission injury investigations (primarily countervailing duty, antidumping, and safeguard investigations) to obtain feedback on the procedures used by the Commission in the conduct of such investigations. Comments concerning the proposed information collection are requested in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received not later than April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Signed comments should be submitted to Donna Koehnke, Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed survey and draft Supporting Statement to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget are posted on the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov> or may be obtained from Lynn Featherstone, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

Comments are solicited as to: (1) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimization of the burden of the proposed information collection on those who are to respond (including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

Summary of the Proposed Information Collection

In its Strategic Plan (available on the agency's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov>), the Commission set itself the goal of obtaining feedback on investigative procedures from users of the agency's import injury investigation process. The proposed survey seeks to gather that feedback to allow the Commission to ensure that its procedures are fair and equitably implemented.

The survey asks if the Commission's rules and other written guidance make clear to participants what the Commission expects of them procedurally in an investigation; if there are area(s) where additional guidance would be of benefit to their participation in investigations; if Commission personnel responded to procedural inquiries in a helpful way; if their access to information collected by/ submitted to the Commission was satisfactory; if their opportunity to present information for consideration by the Commission was satisfactory; and if they have any other comments or recommended improvements. It will be sent to firms that have participated in an antidumping, countervailing duty, or safeguard investigation during the period October 1, 1998-September 30, 1999. Responses are voluntary. While the survey will be made available on the Commission's web site, responses must be in paper form.

The Commission estimates that the survey will impose an average burden of less than 1 response hour each on 50 respondents.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Agency Form Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has submitted the following information collection requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting emergency processing for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. Chap. 35). The Commission has requested OMB approval of this submission by COB March 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 1999.

PURPOSE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:

This information collection is for use by the Commission and complies with objectives set forth in the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Public-Law 103-62) to initiate measures to improve information on program performance, and specifically, to focus on evaluating results, quality, and customer satisfaction. The one-page survey will be placed only once annually inside the cover of most all public reports issued by the Commission pursuant to section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332), and including public reports that meet agency requirements for the USITC Research Program.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

(1) Number of forms submitted: one.

(2) Title of form: USITC Customer Satisfaction Survey.

(3) Type of request: new.

(4) Frequency of use: single and/or annual information gathering.

(5) Description of Respondents: Interested parties receiving most all public reports issued by the USITC, with the exception of Title VII reports.

(6) Estimated number of respondents: 2,500 annually.

(7) Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms: 625 hours annually.

(8) Information requested on a voluntary basis is not proprietary in nature, but rather for program evaluation purposes and is not intended to be published. Commission treatment of questionnaire responses will be followed; responses will be aggregated and will not be presented in a manner

that will reveal the individual parties that supplied the information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENT: Copies of agency submissions to OMB in connection with this request may be obtained from Larry Brookhart, Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 (telephone no. 202-205-3418). Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for U.S. International Trade Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 (telephone no. 202-395-3897). Copies of any comments should also be provided to Robert Rogovsky, Director 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 TDD 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. TA-204-1]

Broom Corm Brooms: ¹ Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Import Relief

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of an investigation and scheduling of a hearing under section 204(d) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2254(d)) (the Act).

SUMMARY: On December 3, 1998, the President announced the termination of import relief, granted under section 203 of the Act, for the domestic broom corn broom industry. Following this action, the Commission, as required by section 204(d) of the Act, instituted investigation No. TA-204-1 to evaluate the effectiveness of the import relief action in facilitating positive adjustment by the domestic industry to import competition, consistent with the reasons set out by the President in the report

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

submitted to the Congress under section 203(b) of the Act.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201, subparts A and E), and part 206, subparts A and F (19 CFR part 206, subparts A and F).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim McClure (202-205-3191), 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:

Participation in the investigation and service list.—Persons wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, not later than 14 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will prepare a service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Public hearing.—As required by statute, the Commission has scheduled a hearing in connection with this investigation. The hearing will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 18, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before March 9, 1999. All persons desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 11, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2) and 201.13(f) of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later

than 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party is encouraged to submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. The deadline for filing prehearing briefs is March 11, 1999. Parties may also file posthearing briefs. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is March 25, 1999. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigation may submit a written statement concerning the matters to be addressed in the report on or before March 25, 1999. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with section 201.16(c) of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by the service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under the authority of section 204(d) of the Trade Act of 1974; this notice is published pursuant to section 206.3 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 18, 1999.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-130 (Review)]

Chloropicrin From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of an expedited five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from China.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of an expedited review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. For