

relief, if any, to be provided to domestic industries. The submissions made to the Commission in response to the notices of institution of five-year reviews form the basis for the Commission's

determination whether a full or expedited review should be conducted. (4) Likely respondents consist of businesses (including foreign businesses) or farms that produce, import, or purchase products under

investigation. Estimated total annual reporting burden for the period July 1999–June 2002 that will result from the collection of information is presented below.

TABLE 1—PROJECTED ANNUAL BURDEN DATA, BY TYPE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION, JULY 1999–JUNE 2002

Item	Producer questionnaires	Importer questionnaires	Purchaser questionnaires	Foreign producer questionnaires	Institution notices for 5-year reviews	Total
Estimated burden hours imposed annually for July 1999–June 2002						
Number of respondents	890	871	575	208	86	2,630
Frequency of response	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total annual responses	890	871	575	208	86	2,630
Hours per response	52.6	44.1	23.2	28.0	7.4	39.9
Total hours	46,825	38,426	13,335	5,832	636	105,054

No recordkeeping burden is known to result from the proposed collection of information.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731–TA–823–824 (Preliminary)]

Certain Aperture Masks From Japan and Korea¹

Determinations

On the basis of the record² developed in the subject investigations, the United

States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(a)), that there is no reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or that the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Japan of certain aperture masks, provided for in subheading 8540.91.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).³

Also, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1677(24)(A), the Commission determines that the subject imports from Korea that are alleged to be sold at LTFV are negligible. The Commission's investigation with respect to Korea is thereby terminated pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)(1).

Background

On February 24, 1999, petitions were filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by BMC Industries, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of certain aperture masks from Japan and Korea. Accordingly, effective February 24, 1999, the Commission instituted antidumping investigations Nos. 731–TA–823–824 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International

Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of March 3, 1999 (64 FR 10316). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 17, 1999, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on April 12, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3185 (April 1999), entitled Certain Aperture Masks from Japan and Korea: Investigations Nos. 731–TA–823–824 (Preliminary).

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[Investigation No. TA–201–69]

In the Matter of Certain Steel Wire Rod; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Conduct a Portion of the Hearing In Camera

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Commission determination not to close any part of the hearing to the public.

SUMMARY: The Commission has determined to deny the requests of petitioners and Respondents Group (foreign producers in Japan, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Italy, Venezuela, Brazil, and the American Wire Producers Association) to conduct

¹ The products covered by these investigations are all aperture masks (also known as "shadow masks") made from aluminum-killed, open-coil annealed steel (decarburized) (known generally as "AK steel") for color picture tubes ("CPTs") used in television sets. AK steel includes the following types of steel: low carbon, AF (annealing-free) steel, AK type A steel (commonly referred to as AKM steel), AK type B steel, and general AK steel. The aperture masks covered by the scope generally have a vertical pitch (distance between the centers of two apertures) of greater than 0.28 mm. Specifically excluded from the scope are the following products: (1) aperture masks made from FeNi 36 alloy (whether sold under the brand names Invar, Inovar or LLTE); (2) aperture masks that have a vertical pitch of less than 0.28 mm that are generally used for color display tubes ("CDTs") used in computer monitors; and (3) grille masks (a grille mask replaces the slots in an aperture mask with an array of finely tensioned vertical wires). The merchandise subject to these investigations is provided for in subheading 8540.91.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Although the HTS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

² The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

³ Commissioners Carol T. Crawford and Stephen Koplan dissenting.