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BACKGROUND: In its letter, the Committee noted that the President imposed economic sanctions on India and Pakistan in May 1998 under section 102 of the Arms Export Control Act ("Glenn Amendment"), which was enacted in 1994 (22 U.S.C. 2799aa(b)-1); U.S. economic sanctions were imposed automatically once the President determined that India and Pakistan had detonated nuclear explosive devices. In July 1998, Congress passed section 902 of the India-Pakistan Relief Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277), which authorized the President to waive application of U.S. sanctions on India and Pakistan. On December 1, 1998, the President waived the India and Pakistan sanctions, after determining that such a waiver would increase the likelihood of progress toward U.S. nuclear non-proliferation objectives (Presidential Determination No. 99-7). By law, the President's waiver authority ends on October 21, 1999.

In anticipation of Congressional action during 1999 on sanctions reform legislation and consideration of possible renewal of section 902 of the India-Pakistan Relief Act, the Committee requested that the Commission complete a report by September 17, 1999, providing an overview and analysis of the economic impact of U.S. sanctions policy with respect to India and Pakistan. The Committee specifically requested that the Commission's report:

(1) Identify U.S. industries, including U.S. agricultural commodities, which were affected by economic sanctions on India and Pakistan under sec. 102 of the Arms Export Control Act, and the impact on each industry;

(2) Analyze, to the extent data are available, the economic impact of U.S. sanctions on U.S. exports, U.S. imports, jobs, consumers, and investment in the affected industries;

(3) Assess the likely economic impact on the United States if U.S. economic sanctions against India and Pakistan are re-imposed, including the U.S. products and sectors which would be significantly affected, the availability of alternative foreign suppliers for leading U.S. exports, and the likely impact of U.S. sanctions on the reputation of the United States as a reliable supplier of food, technology, other products, and on U.S. competitiveness in the affected industries;

(4) Assess the impact of the reimposition of U.S. economic sanctions against India and Pakistan on U.S. agriculture, including the likelihood of

retaliation, the specific commodities most likely to be affected, potential alternative foreign suppliers, the likely impact on the incomes of U.S. agricultural producers, and the likely impact on the U.S. reputation as a reliable supplier of agricultural commodities;

(5) Analyze the likely impact of unilateral U.S. economic sanctions on the Indian and Pakistani economies; and

(6) Summarize the instances where U.S. sanctions have affected humanitarian activities as well as the activities of multinational institutions in India and Pakistan.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 22, 1999 (and continuing on June 23, 1999, if necessary). All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m. on June 8, 1999. Persons testifying at the hearing are encouraged to file prehearing briefs or statements; the deadline for filing such briefs or statements (a signed original and 14 copies) is no later than 5:15 p.m. on June 8, 1999. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m. on July 6, 1999. Any confidential business information included in such briefs or statements or to be submitted at the hearing must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). In the event that, as of 5:15 p.m. on June 8, 1999, no witnesses have filed a request to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1806) after June 8, 1999, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, 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 paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business

Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 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 not later than COB July 6, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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>).

Issued: April 19, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 701-TA-383 (Final)]

Elastic Rubber Tape From India

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Termination of investigation.

SUMMARY: On April 19, 1999, the Department of Commerce published notice in the **Federal Register** of a negative final determination of subsidies in connection with the subject investigation (64 FR 19125). Accordingly, pursuant to § 207.40(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.40(a)), the Commission's countervailing duty investigation concerning elastic rubber tape from India (investigation No. 701-TA-383 (Final)) is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Yost (202-205-3432), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-

impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained 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>).

Authority: This investigation is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 201.10 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR 201.10).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-805 (Final)]

In the Matter of Elastic Rubber Tape From India; Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Portion of the Hearing in Camera

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing to the public.

SUMMARY: Upon request of respondents Garware Elastomerics Limited and Elastomer, Inc. (collectively "Respondents"), the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigation scheduled for April 20, 1999, in camera. See Commission rules 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4) (19 CFR 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4)). The remainder of the hearing will be open to the public. The Commission has determined that the seven-day advance notice of the change to a meeting was not possible. See Commission rule 201.35(a), (c)(1) (19 CFR 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Diehl, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-3095, e-mail mdiehl@usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission believes that Respondents have justified the need for a closed session. Respondents seek a closed session to allow purchasers to fully discuss their experiences with domestic producers and to allow testimony regarding the effects of the subject imports on the domestic producers of elastic rubber tape. Because such discussions will necessitate disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI), they can only occur if a portion of the hearing is held in camera. In making this decision, the Commission nevertheless reaffirms its belief that whenever possible its business should be conducted in public.

The hearing will include the usual public presentations by petitioners and by Respondents, with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include an in camera session for a confidential presentation by Respondents and for questions from the Commission relating to the BPI, followed by an in camera rebuttal presentation by petitioners. For any in camera session the room will be cleared of all persons except those who have been granted access to BPI under a Commission administrative protective order (APO) and are included on the Commission's APO service list in this investigation. See 19 CFR 201.35(b)(1), (2). The time for the parties' presentations and rebuttals in the in camera session will be taken from their respective overall allotments for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the in camera portions of the hearing should be prepared to present proper identification.

Authority: The General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 CFR 201.39) that, in her opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Elastic Rubber Tape from India, Inv. No. 731-TA-805 (Final), may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-418]

In the Matter of Certain Rodent Bait Stations and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the initial determination (ID) of the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) terminating the above-captioned investigation without prejudice on the basis of complainant's withdrawal of its complaint.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Jackson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3104. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3716) based on a complaint filed by Bell Laboratories, Inc. (Bell), of Madison, Wisconsin. Aegis Research Ltd. of the United Kingdom and Aegis Research Ltd., U.S. of Delaware (collectively, Aegis) were named as respondents.

On February 26, 1999, Bell and Aegis filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint without prejudice. The Commission investigative attorney supported the joint motion on March 1, 1999. On March 16, 1999, the ALJ issued an ID granting the motion and terminating the investigation without prejudice. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rules 210.42(h), 19 CFR 210.42(h).

Copies of the public version 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.