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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-302 and 731-TA-454 (Review)]

Fresh and Chilled Atlantic Salmon From Norway

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject five-year reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debra Baker (202-205-3180), 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: On October 1, 1999, the Commission established a schedule for the conduct of these expedited five-year reviews (64 FR 55957, October 15, 1999) and identified the parties to the reviews that have provided individually adequate responses to the notice of institution. Subsequently, the Department of Commerce extended the date for its final results in the expedited reviews from October 29, 1999 to January 27, 2000. In order to have the benefit of the Department of Commerce's findings, the Commission, therefore, is revising its schedule to conform with Commerce's new schedule.

The Commission's new schedule for the five-year reviews is as follows: the staff report will be placed in the nonpublic record on January 26, 2000; the deadline for interested party comments (which may not contain new factual information) is January 31, 2000; and the deadline for brief written statements (which shall not contain new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by any person that is neither a

party to the five-year reviews nor an interested party is January 31, 2000.

For further information concerning these five-year reviews, see the Commission's notice cited above and the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and F (19 CFR part 207).

Authority: These five-year reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; the Commission is using its authority under 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B) to extend the deadline for these reviews. Further, this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 1205-5]

Proposed Modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1999.

SUMMARY: On November 18, 1999, the Commission instituted investigation No. 1205-5, Proposed Modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, pursuant to section 1205 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988. Section 1205 directs the Commission to keep the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) under continuous review and to recommend modifications to the HTS (1) when amendments to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), and the Protocol thereto, are recommended by the World Customs Organization (WCO) (formerly known as the Customs Cooperation Council) for adoption, and (2) as other circumstances warrant. The Commission's report will set forth the proposed changes and indicate the necessary changes in the HTS that would be needed to conform the HTS to the international nomenclature structure; the report will also include other appropriate explanatory information on the proposed changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director (202-

205-2592), Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this investigation can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

The majority of the proposed changes included in this investigation are the result of the work of the WCO and its Harmonized System Committee (HSC) to update and clarify the Harmonized System nomenclature, as part of the WCO's long-term program to review the nomenclature structure on a formal basis. The WCO has recommended the adoption of certain modifications to the nomenclature of the international Harmonized System, in accordance with Article 16 of the Harmonized System Convention, to become effective in January, 2002. The changes proposed to conform the HTS with the WCO's recommendations, and to reflect in the HTS certain other decisions taken by the HSC, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary, Room 112, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436 (telephone 202-205-2000), and will also be posted on the Commission's web site at the address indicated below. These changes encompass all decisions taken by the HSC since the implementation of the last set of WCO modifications to the Harmonized System on January 1, 1996, as well as proposed actions subject to further consideration by the HSC during its sessions in 2000. Future notices will be issued in this investigation indicating the final resolution of all matters and decisions taken by the HSC during the course of Commission consideration.

Other proposed changes included in this investigation are requested by the U.S. Customs Service, in order to clarify the proper tariff classification and duty treatment of particular goods (due to decisions of the Court of International Trade, the HSC, or the Customs Service). These changes will be treated separately by the Commission both during the investigation and in the Commission's report.

The Commission will prepare a non-authoritative cross-reference table to provide guidance to potentially affected parties and to show the likely existing and future tariff classifications of the goods concerned. The Customs Service has domestic legal authority for tariff classification and may provide information, both during the course of the investigation and after the Commission's report is submitted, that