

United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation and revocation of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina would not likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.¹

Background

The Commission instituted these reviews on November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58756) and determined effective February 14, 1999 (64 FR 8120, February 18, 1999) that it would conduct full reviews. Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's reviews and of a public hearing 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** on March 31, 1999 (64 FR 15375). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on August 3, 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 January 27, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3270 (January 2000), entitled Carbon Steel Wire Rod from Argentina: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-A (Review and 731-TA-157 (Review).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-621 (Review)]

Compact Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Termination of five-year review.

SUMMARY: The subject five-year review was initiated in November 1999 to

² Chairman Lynn M. Bragg dissenting. Commissioners Jennifer A. Hillman and Deanna Tanner Okun not participating.

determine whether revocation of the existing antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and of material injury to a domestic industry. On January 24, 2000, the Department of Commerce published notice that it was revoking the order "because no domestic party responded to the sunset review notice of initiation by the applicable deadline" (65 FR 3660). Accordingly, pursuant to section 207.69 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.69), the subject review is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vera Libeau (202-205-3176), 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 review is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.69 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR § 207.69).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-202 (Review) and 731-TA-103 and 514 (Review)]

Cotton Shop Towels From Bangladesh, China, and Pakistan

Determinations

On the Basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year reviews, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner Askey dissenting with regard to Bangladesh and Pakistan. Vice Chairman Marcia E. Miller and Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun not participating.

(19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the existing antidumping duty orders on cotton shop towels from Bangladesh and China, and the existing countervailing duty order on cotton shop towels from Pakistan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted these reviews on January 4, 1999 (64 FR 371) and determined on April 8, 1999, that it would conduct full reviews (64 FR 19195, April 19, 1999). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's reviews and of a public hearing 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** on June 28, 1999 (64 FR 34679). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on November 18, 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 January 21, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3267 (January, 2000), entitled Cotton Shop Towels from Bangladesh, China, and Pakistan (Invs. Nos. 701-TA-202 (Review) and 731-TA-103 and 514 (Review)).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-814 (Final)]

Creatine Monohydrate From China

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of creatine monohydrate, provided for in

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

subheading 2925.20.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).² The Commission made a negative determination concerning critical circumstances.

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective February 12, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc., Waukegan, IL. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of creatine monohydrate from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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 August 19, 1999 (64 FR 45275). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on December 16, 1999, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on January 28, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3272 (January, 2000), entitled Creatine Monohydrate from China (Investigation No. 731-TA-814 (Final)).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-411]

Electric Power Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Foreign Markets

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

²Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun did not participate in this investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 24, 2000.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on November 23, 1999, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-411, Electric Power Services: Recent Reforms in Selected Foreign Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Mr. Christopher Melly, Project Leader (202-205-3461), Mr. Michael Nunes, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3462), or Mr. Richard Brown, Chief, Services and Investment Division (202-205-3438), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In her letter dated November 22, 1999, the USTR requested that the Commission, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, conduct an investigation of the electric power services markets in countries where significant market reform, privatization, and liberalization has occurred or is ongoing. The foreign markets to be examined are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, and Venezuela. As requested, in its report, the Commission will (1) discuss the nature and extent of market reform, privatization, and liberalization undertaken in foreign electricity markets; (2) examine current and evolving conditions of market access, investment, and regulation; and (3) provide, if possible, a listing of common regulatory practices insofar as these exist. For the purpose of this study, electric power services are broadly defined to include core areas such as generation, transmission, and distribution, as well as construction, engineering, consulting, and marketing services as they pertain to the provision of electricity.

The USTR asked that the Commission furnish its report by November 22, 2000, and that the Commission make the report available to the public in its entirety.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S.

International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2000. All persons shall 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 with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2000. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., May 25, 2000; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., June 29, 2000. In the event that, as of the close of business on May 23, 2000, no witnesses are scheduled 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 of the Commission (202-205-1806) after May 23, 2000, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter 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 in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on June 29, 2000. 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.

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