

a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENT:**

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Sylvia McDonough, Office of Industries, USITC (202-205-3393). Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, ATTENTION: Docket Librarian. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the survey is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 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). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-406 & 408 (Review)]

**Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From Greece and Japan; 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.

**SUMMARY:** Upon request of domestic producers Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC and Chemetals, Inc., ("Petitioners") and domestic importer Eveready Battery Co., ("Eveready") the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigations scheduled for March 2, 2000, 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 C.F.R. 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Willis S. Martyn, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2784, e-mail [wmartyn@usitc.gov](mailto:wmartyn@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 Petitioners and Eveready have justified the need for a closed session. Petitioners and Eveready seek a closed session to allow for a discussion of their business operations. In this investigation, the aggregate data of the domestic industry and information on purchasers' operations are business proprietary information (BPI). Because discussion by Petitioner and Eveready of their own operations and of the domestic industry's data will necessitate disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI), it 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 begin with a public presentation by the parties opposing revocation of the antidumping duty order (the Petitioners), with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include a 40-minute in camera session for a confidential presentation by Petitioners, a rebuttal presentation by foreign producers Tosoh Hellas, A.I.C., and Tosoh Corp. (collectively, "Tosoh"), a confidential presentation by Eveready, a rebuttal presentation by Petitioners, and for questions from the Commission relating to the BPI. Petitioners will receive a total of 20 minutes, with Eveready and Tosoh receiving the remainder. 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 C.F.R. 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 C.F.R. 201.39) that, in her opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Greece and Japan, Invs. Nos. 731-TA-406 & 408 (Review) may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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**Donna R. Koehnke,**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-868-871 (Preliminary)]

**Steel Wire Rope From China, India, Malaysia, and Thailand**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-868-871 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China, India, Malaysia, and Thailand of steel wire rope, other than of stranded wire and other than brass plated wire, not fitted with fittings or made up into articles, provided for in subheadings 7312.10.60 and 7312.10.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach preliminary determinations in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by April 17, 2000. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 24, 2000.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations and rules of general application, consult the