

ACTION: Institution of investigation and Notice of opportunity to submit comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 19, 2000.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on June 14, 2000, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), pursuant to authority under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-418, Economic Impact on the United States of a U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Chomo (202-205-3125), Office of Economics, or William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091) for information on the legal aspects of this investigation. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

The USTR requested that the Commission's report include the following:

- An overview of the Jordanian economy;
- Data on Jordan's patterns of trade with the United States and its other major trade partners;
- A description of the tariff and investment relationship between the United States and Jordan; and
- An analysis of any sector where there are significant economic impacts from a U.S.-Jordan FTA.

The Commission plans to submit its report, Economic Impact on the United States of a U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, July 31, 2000. USTR indicated that the report will be classified as confidential.

Written Submissions

The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning matters to be addressed in the report. Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. The Commission's Rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of Section 201.6 of the

Commission's Rules (19 CFR 201.6). All written statements, 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, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest possible date and should be received not later than July 7, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20436.

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>).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Notice of Appointment of Individuals To Serve as Members of Performance Review Boards

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Appointment of individuals to serve as members of Performance Review Board.

EFFECTIVE: June 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Micheal J. Hillier, Director of Personnel, U.S. International Trade Commission, (202) 205-2651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Commission's Performance Review Board (PRB).

Chairman of PRB—Vice-Chairman
Deanna Tanner Okun
Member—Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg
Member—Commissioner Marcia E. Miller
Member—Commissioner Jennifer A. Hillman
Member—Commissioner Thelma J. Askey
Member—Robert A. Rogowsky
Member—Lyn M. Schlitt
Member—Stephen A. McLaughlin
Member—Eugene A. Rosengarden

Member—Lynn Featherstone
Member—Vern Simpson
Member—Lynn I. Levine
Member—Robert B. Koopman

Notice of these appointments is being published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Issued: June 20, 2000.

By order of the Chairman.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advance Lead-Acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC")

Notice is hereby given that, on January 3, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Advanced Lead-acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Amerace Microporous Products, LP, Piney Flats, TN; Borregaard Lignotech, Sarpsborg, NORWAY; Electric Transportation Applications, Phoenix, AZ; Furukawa Battery Co., Ltd., Iwaki-City, Fukushima-pref. JAPAN; Hangzhou Narada Battery Co., Ltd., Hangzhou, Zhejiang, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Voltmaster Co., Inc., Corydon, IA; and Westvaco Corporation, Charleston, SC have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Entertec Mexico, Monterrey, N.L. MEXICO; GNB Technologies, Inc., Lombard, IL; ITRI, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UNITED KINGDOM; Japan Storage Battery, Kyoto, JAPAN; Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd. Tokyo, JAPAN; Norvic Traction, Inc., Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA; Technical Fibre Products, Kendall, Cumbria, UNITED KINGDOM; Toho Zinc Co., Ltd., Tokyo, JAPAN; and Virginia Power, Richmond,

VA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Advanced Lead-Acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 15, 1992, Advanced Lead-Acid Battery Consortium ("ALABC") filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on July 29, 1992 (57 FR 33522).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 8, 1999. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Advanced Technology Institute ("ATI"): National Shipbuilding Research Program ("NSRP")

Notice is hereby given that, on April 11, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Advanced Technology Institute has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in the project status of the National Shipbuilding Research Program ("NSRP"). The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, the general area of planned activity of the NSRP is to establish collaborative research efforts of limited duration to manage and focus national shipbuilding research and development funding on technologies that will reduce the cost of warships to the Navy, and establish U.S. international shipbuilding competitiveness. NSRP also provides a collaborative forum to improve business and acquisition processes.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project.

Membership in this group research project remains open, and Advanced Technology Institute: National Shipbuilding Research Program intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 13, 1998, Advanced Technology Institute: National Shipbuilding Research Program filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4708).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 5, 2000. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—The ATM Forum

Notice is hereby given that, on October 12, 1999, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The ATM Forum has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Cerent Corporation, Petaluma, CA; Harris Corporation, Melbourne, FL; Tdsoft Communications Ltdl, Herzeliya, ISRAEL; and Adaptive Broadband Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA have been added as parties to this venture. The following member has changed its name: GTE Government Systems to General Dynamics Communication Systems, Needham Heights, MA.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and The ATM Forum intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 19, 1993, The ATM Forum filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the

Federal Register pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 2, 1993 (58 FR 31415).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 14, 1999. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—CommerceNet Consortium, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 4, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), CommerceNet Consortium, Inc. (the "Consortium") has filed written notification simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, New England Financial/Metlife, Boston, MA joined the Consortium as a Portfolio member.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and CommerceNet Consortium, Inc. intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 13, 1994, CommerceNet Consortium, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on August 31, 1994 (59 FR 45012).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 14, 2000. A notice has not yet been published in the **Federal Register**.

Constance E. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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