

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-364 (Review)
and 731-TA-711 and 713-716 (Review)]

Oil Country Tubular Goods From Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of five-year reviews
concerning the countervailing duty and
antidumping duty orders on oil country
tubular goods from Argentina, Italy,
Japan, Korea, and Mexico.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives
notice that it has instituted reviews
pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff
Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act)
to determine whether revocation of the
countervailing duty and antidumping
duty orders on oil country tubular goods
from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and
Mexico would be likely to lead to
continuation or recurrence of material
injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of
the Act, interested parties are requested
to respond to this notice by submitting
the information specified below to the
Commission;¹ to be assured of
consideration, the deadline for
responses is August 22, 2000.
Comments on the adequacy of responses
may be filed with the Commission by
September 18, 2000. For further
information concerning the conduct of
these reviews and rules of general
application, consult the Commission's
Rules of Practice and Procedure, part
201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part
201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and
F (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Messer (202-205-3193) or Vera
Libeau (202-205-3176), 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

¹ No response to this request for information is
required if a currently valid Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) number is not displayed; the
OMB number is 3117-0016/USITC No. 00-5-058,
expiration date July 31, 2002. Public reporting
burden for the request is estimated to average 7
hours per response. Please send comments
regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to
the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade
Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC
20436.

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:

Background.—On August 10, 1995, the
Department of Commerce issued a
countervailing duty order on imports of
oil country tubular goods from Italy (60
FR 40822). On August 11, 1995, the
Department of Commerce issued
antidumping duty orders on imports of
oil country tubular goods from
Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and
Mexico (60 FR 41055). The Commission
is conducting reviews to determine
whether revocation of the orders would
be likely to lead to continuation or
recurrence of material injury to the
domestic industry within a reasonably
foreseeable time. It will assess the
adequacy of interested party responses
to this notice of institution to determine
whether to conduct full or expedited
reviews. The Commission's
determinations in any expedited
reviews will be based on the facts
available, which may include
information provided in response to this
notice.

Definitions.—The following
definitions apply to these reviews:

(1) *Subject Merchandise* is the class or
kind of merchandise that is within the
scope of the five-year reviews, as
defined by the Department of
Commerce.

(2) The *Subject Countries* in these
reviews are Argentina, Italy, Japan,
Korea, and Mexico.

(3) The *Domestic Like Product* is the
domestically produced product or
products which are like, or in the
absence of like, most similar in
characteristics and uses with, the
Subject Merchandise. In its original
determinations, the Commission found
two *Domestic Like Products* consisting
of (1) OCTG excluding drill pipe (*i.e.*,
casing and tubing) and (2) drill pipe.

(4) The *Domestic Industry* is the U.S.
producers as a whole of the *Domestic
Like Product*, or those producers whose
collective output of the *Domestic Like
Product* constitutes a major proportion
of the total domestic production of the
product. In its original determinations,
the Commission found two *Domestic
Industries* consisting of (1) producers of
OCTG excluding drill pipe (*i.e.*, casing
and tubing) and (2) producers of drill
pipe. The Commission found that
processors should be included in both
the domestic casing and tubing industry
and in the domestic drill pipe industry,
but those firms that only perform basic

threading and coupling operations
should not be included.

(5) The *Order Dates* are the dates that
the countervailing duty and
antidumping duty orders under review
became effective. In the review
concerning the countervailing duty
order on OCTG from Italy, the *Order
Date* is August 10, 1995. In the reviews
concerning the antidumping duty orders
on OCTG from Argentina, Italy, Japan,
Korea, and Mexico, the *Order Date* is
August 11, 1995.

(6) An *Importer* is any person or firm
engaged, either directly or through a
parent company or subsidiary, in
importing the *Subject Merchandise* into
the United States from a foreign
manufacturer or through its selling
agent.

**Participation in the Reviews and
Public Service List.**—Persons, including
industrial users of the Subject
Merchandise and, if the merchandise is
sold at the retail level, representative
consumer organizations, wishing to
participate in the reviews as parties
must file an entry of appearance with
the Secretary to the Commission, as
provided in section 201.11(b)(4) of the
Commission's rules, no later than 21
days after publication of this notice in
the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will
maintain a public service list containing
the names and addresses of all persons,
or their representatives, who are parties
to the reviews.

Former Commission employees who
are seeking to appear in Commission
five-year reviews are reminded that they
are required, pursuant to 19 CFR 201.15,
to seek Commission approval if the
matter in which they are seeking to
appear was pending in any manner or
form during their Commission
employment. The Commission's
designated agency ethics official has
advised that a five-year review is the
"same particular matter" as the
underlying original investigation for
purposes of 19 CFR 201.15 and 18
U.S.C. 207, the post employment statute
for Federal employees. Former
employees may seek informal advice
from Commission ethics officials with
respect to this and the related issue of
whether the employee's participation
was "personal and substantial."
However, any informal consultation will
not relieve former employees of the
obligation to seek approval to appear
from the Commission under its rule
201.15. For ethics advice, contact Carol
McCue Verratti, Deputy Agency Ethics
Official, at 202-205-3088.

**Limited Disclosure of Business
Proprietary Information (BPI) under an
Administrative Protective Order (APO)
and APO Service List.**—Pursuant to

section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in these reviews available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the reviews, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the reviews. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Certification.—Pursuant to section 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with these reviews must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will be deemed to consent, unless otherwise specified, for the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel to use the information provided in any other reviews or investigations of the same or comparable products which the Commission conducts under Title VII of the Act, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. appendix 3.

Written Submissions.—Pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules, each interested party response to this notice must provide the information specified below. The deadline for filing such responses is August 22, 2000. Pursuant to section 207.62(b) of the Commission's rules, eligible parties (as specified in Commission rule 207.62(b)(1)) may also file comments concerning the adequacy of responses to the notice of institution and whether the Commission should conduct expedited or full reviews. The deadline for filing such comments is September 18, 2000. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of sections 201.8 and 207.3 of the Commission's rules and any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6 and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. Also, in accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or APO service list as appropriate), and a certificate of service must accompany the document (if you

are not a party to the reviews you do not need to serve your response).

Inability to Provide Requested Information.—Pursuant to section 207.61(c) of the Commission's rules, any interested party that cannot furnish the information requested by this notice in the requested form and manner shall notify the Commission at the earliest possible time, provide a full explanation of why it cannot provide the requested information, and indicate alternative forms in which it can provide equivalent information. If an interested party does not provide this notification (or the Commission finds the explanation provided in the notification inadequate) and fails to provide a complete response to this notice, the Commission may take an adverse inference against the party pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act in making its determinations in the reviews.

Information To Be Provided in Response to This Notice of Institution

Please provide the requested information separately for each Domestic Like Product, as defined by the Commission in its original determinations, and for each of the products identified by Commerce as Subject Merchandise. If you are a domestic producer, union/worker group, or trade/business association; import/export Subject Merchandise from more than one Subject Country; or produce Subject Merchandise in more than one Subject Country, you may file a single response. If you do so, please ensure that your response to each question includes the information requested for each pertinent Subject Country. As used below, the term "firm" includes any related firms.

(1) The name and address of your firm or entity (including World Wide Web address if available) and name, telephone number, fax number, and E-mail address of the certifying official.

(2) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, a U.S. union or worker group, a U.S. importer of the *Subject Merchandise*, a foreign producer or exporter of the *Subject Merchandise*, a U.S. or foreign trade or business association, or another interested party (including an explanation). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, identify the firms in which your workers are employed or which are members of your association.

(3) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is willing to participate in these reviews by providing information requested by the Commission.

(4) A statement of the likely effects of the revocation of the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on the *Domestic Industry* in general and/or your firm/entity specifically. In your response, please discuss the various factors specified in section 752(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675a(a)) including the likely volume of subject imports, likely price effects of subject imports, and likely impact of imports of *Subject Merchandise* on the *Domestic Industry*.

(5) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. producers of the Domestic Like Product. Identify any known related parties and the nature of the relationship as defined in section 771(4)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677(4)(B)).

(6) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the Subject Merchandise and producers of the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Countries* that currently export or have exported *Subject Merchandise* to the United States or other countries since 1994.

(7) If you are a U.S. producer of the *Domestic Like Product*, provide the following information on your firm's operations on that product during calendar year 1999 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars, f.o.b. plant). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms in which your workers are employed/which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. production of the *Domestic Like Product* accounted for by your firm's(s') production;

(b) the quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s); and

(c) the quantity and value of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of the *Domestic Like Product* produced in your U.S. plant(s).

(8) If you are a U.S. importer or a trade/business association of U.S. importers of the *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Countries*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 1999 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) The quantity and value (landed, duty-paid but not including antidumping or countervailing duties)

of U.S. imports and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. imports of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Countries* accounted for by your firm's(s') imports;

(b) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping and/or countervailing duties) of U.S. commercial shipments of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Countries*; and

(c) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping and/or countervailing duties) of U.S. internal consumption/company transfers of *Subject Merchandise* imported from the *Subject Countries*.

(9) If you are a producer, an exporter, or a trade/business association of producers or exporters of the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Countries*, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 1999 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars, landed and duty-paid at the U.S. port but not including antidumping or countervailing duties). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total production of *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Countries* accounted for by your firm's(s') production; and

(b) the quantity and value of your firm's(s') exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total exports to the United States of *Subject Merchandise* from the *Subject Countries* accounted for by your firm's(s') exports.

(10) Identify significant changes, if any, in the supply and demand conditions or business cycle for the *Domestic Like Product* that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the *Subject Merchandise* in the *Subject Countries* since the *Order Dates*, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence

and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the *Domestic Like Product* produced in the United States, *Subject Merchandise* produced in the *Subject Countries*, and such merchandise from other countries.

(11) (OPTIONAL) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the *Domestic Like Product* and *Domestic Industry*; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: June 23, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-362 (Review) and 731-TA-707-710 (Review)]

Seamless Pipe From Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of five-year reviews concerning the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on seamless pipe from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted reviews pursuant to section 751 © of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on seamless pipe from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission;¹ to be assured of consideration, the deadline for

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responses is August 22, 2000.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On August 3, 1995, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of seamless pipe from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy (60 FR 39704). On August 8, 1995, the Department of Commerce issued a countervailing duty order on imports of seamless pipe from Italy (60 FR 40569). The Commission is conducting reviews to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. It will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct full or expedited reviews. The Commission's determinations in any expedited reviews will be based on the facts available, which may include information provided in response to this notice.

Definitions.—The following definitions apply to these reviews:

(1) *Subject Merchandise* is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year reviews, as defined by the Department of Commerce.

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