

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Final)]

Certain Ammonium Nitrate From Russia

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Continuation and scheduling of the final phase of an antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the continuation and scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether 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 less-than-fair-value imports from Russia of certain ammonium nitrate, provided for in subheading 3102.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.¹ The Commission determined that no earlier announcement of this scheduling was possible.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigation, hearing procedures, 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, C, and D (19 CFR part 207). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Taylor (202-708-4101), 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>).

¹ For purposes of this investigation, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as "solid, fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate products, whether prilled, granular or in other solid form, with or without additives or coating, and with a bulk density equal to or greater than 53 pounds per cubic foot. Specifically excluded from this scope is solid ammonium nitrate with a bulk density less than 53 pounds per cubic foot (commonly referred to as industrial or explosive grade ammonium nitrate.)"

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—The final phase of this investigation is being continued and scheduled in response to a request by the Committee for Fair Ammonium Nitrate Trade (COFANT),² filed with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Commission, to continue the investigation. This investigation was initiated on July 23, 1999 (pursuant to a petition filed by COFANT), and suspended by Commerce on May 19, 2000, as a result of a suspension agreement between the United States and Russia (65 FR 37759, June 16, 2000).

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of this investigation beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 11, 2000, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before July 7, 2000. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 10, 2000, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than July 6, 2000.

Written submissions.—Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is July 17, 2000; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigation may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigation on or before July 17, 2000. On July 28, 2000, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final

² COFANT is an ad hoc committee of U.S. producers of fertilizer-grade ammonium nitrate. Its members are: Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., El Dorado Chemical Co., La Roche Industries, Inc., Mississippi Chemical Corp., and Nitram, Inc.

comments on this information on or before August 1, 2000, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain business proprietary information must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, 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.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or business proprietary information service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: June 29, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: July 11, 2000 at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. TA-201-71 (Crabmeat from Swimming Crabs)(Injury Phase)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its recommendations to the President on August 29, 2000.)
5. Outstanding action jackets: none.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

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