

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-860 (Final)]

Tin- and Chromium-Coated Steel Sheet from Japan

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² 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 Japan of tin- and chromium-coated steel sheet, provided for in subheadings 7210.11.00, 7210.12.00, 7210.50.00, 7212.10.00, and 7212.50.00 if of non-alloy steel and under subheadings 7225.99.00 and 7226.99.00 if of alloy steel (other than stainless steel) 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).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective October 28, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Weirton Steel Corp., Weirton, WV, the Independent Steelworkers Union, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO. 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 tin- and chromium-coated steel sheet from Japan 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 April 24, 2000 (65 FR 21791). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on June 29,

2000, 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 August 9, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3337 (August 2000), entitled Tin- and Chromium-Coated Steel Sheet from Japan: Investigation No. 731-TA-860 (Final).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Department policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States v. RAM Industries, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 00-3826 (E.D. Pa.) was lodged on July 28, 2000, with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The consent decree resolves the claims of the United States against RAM Industries, Inc. under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for reimbursement of response costs incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in connection with the Eighth Street Drum Site located in Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Under the terms of the consent decree, EPA would receive \$13,500, which represents approximately 33% of the amount expended by the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 20530, and should refer to *United States v. RAM Industries, Inc.*, DOJ #90-11-3-06920.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney, 615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4476. A copy of the consent decree may

also be obtained by mail from the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$6.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Core Principles for Federal Non- Binding Workplace ADR Programs; Developing Guidance for Binding Arbitration—A Handbook for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Department of Justice/Federal Alternative Dispute Resolution Council.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains two documents to assist Federal agencies in developing alternative dispute resolution (ADR) programs: "Core Principles for Non-Binding Workplace ADR Programs" and "Developing Guidance for Binding Arbitration—A Handbook for Federal Agencies." These documents were created by the Federal ADR Council, a group of high level government agency officials chaired by the Attorney General. The documents are based on the combined expertise of ADR specialists in federal agencies with active ADR programs. The first document describes ten key elements that are essential in any fair and effective ADR program. The second document provides information and assistance for agencies on the use of binding arbitration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: August 8, 2000.

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Federal Register Introduction

The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 (ADRA), 5 U.S.C. 571-584, requires that each Federal agency take steps to promote the use of ADR and calls for the establishment of an interagency committee to facilitate and encourage agency use of ADR. As

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 Chairman Stephen Koplan and Commissioner Thelma J. Askey dissenting.