

the Base Quantity of Imports, in March 1990. The Commission uses official statistics of the U.S. Department of Energy to make these determinations as well as the PIERS database of the Journal of Commerce, which is based on U.S. export declarations.

Section 225 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-382, August 20, 1990) amended the original language set forth in the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act of 1989. The amendment requires the Commission to make a determination of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol for each year after 1989.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-861 (Final)]

Certain Expandable Polystyrene Resins From Indonesia

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, 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 not materially injured or threatened with material injury and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded, by reason of imports from Indonesia of certain expandable polystyrene resins, provided for in subheading 3903.11.00 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 November 22, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by BASF Corp., Mount Olive, NJ; Huntsman Expandable Polymers Co. LC, Salt Lake City, UT; NOVA Chemicals, Inc., Moon Township, PA; and StyroChem U.S., Ltd., Radnor, PA. The final phase of the

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of certain expandable polystyrene resins from Indonesia 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 August 9, 2000 (65 FR 48731, August 9, 2000). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2000, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this review to the Secretary of Commerce on December 20, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3377 (December 2000), entitled Certain Expandable Polystyrene Resins from Indonesia: Investigation No. 730-TA-861 (Final).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-72]

Extruded Rubber Thread

Determination

On the basis of the information in the investigation, the Commission determines, pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, that extruded rubber thread¹ is not being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury or the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry

¹ For purposes of this investigation, extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread, obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm (which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge) to 1.42 mm (which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge) in diameter. Such extruded rubber thread is classified in heading 4007.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Although the HTS category is provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Background

Following receipt of a properly filed petition on June 5, 2000, by counsel on behalf of North American Rubber Thread, Fall River, MA, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-201-72, Extruded Rubber Thread, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether extruded rubber thread is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings 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 June 22, 2000 (65 FR 38856). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on September 6, 2000, in Washington, DC; 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 President on December 4, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3375, December 2000, entitled Extruded Rubber Thread (Inv. No. TA-201-72).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-423]

The Effects of EU Policies on the Competitive Position of the U.S. and EU Horticultural Products Sectors

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, Douglas Newman (202-205-3328; newman@usitc.gov), Tim McCarty (202-205-3324;

mccarty@usitc.gov), or Cathy Jabara (202-205-3309; jabara@usitc.gov), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries, or for information on legal aspects, William Gearhart (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on this study by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background

In response to a letter received on November 16, 2000, from the United States Trade Representative, the Commission instituted an investigation for the purpose of preparing a report that will describe the effects of EU policies on the competitive position of the U.S. and EU horticultural products sectors generally, and for several specific products.

As requested, the Commission's report will include the following:

(1) A description of the U.S. and EU fresh and processed horticultural products sectors, including recent patterns of production, consumption, and trade;

(2) A description and analysis of the conditions of trade in various horticultural products between the U.S. and EU and third countries, including tariff treatment and use of export subsidies;

(3) A description and analysis of EU and member state domestic support programs and policies used to assist horticultural products producers, shippers, and exporters; and

(4) An analysis of the effects of EU policies on trade between the U.S. and EU industries in specific horticultural products sectors, especially the effects of tariffs and assistance programs and other significant factors, such as production and marketing costs, exchange rates, and prices.

The report will specifically address the following horticultural products identified by the USTR: Citrus (including fresh oranges, fresh clementines, fresh lemons, and orange juice), deciduous fruit (including fresh apples, fresh pears, fresh peaches, and processed peaches), dried prunes, tree nuts (including almonds, walnuts, and hazelnuts), tomatoes (including fresh tomatoes and processed tomatoes), and wine. The USTR stated that it intends to make available to the public the portion of the report that addresses points (1)-(3) above, and that the portion of the

report that addresses point (4) above will be national security classified.

Preliminary Written Comments

In order to assist the Commission in identifying the issues affecting the above sectors, the Commission requests that interested parties provide preliminary written comments on such issues by March 1, 2001. All preliminary written comments should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436. Interested parties are also encouraged to provide further information at the public hearing and in prehearing and posthearing briefs/statements.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on April 26, 2001. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., April 12, 2001. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 16, 2001; the deadline for filing posthearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., June 11, 2001. In the event that, as of the close of business, April 12, 2001, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1806) after April 12, 2001, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of, or in addition to, participating in the hearing, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information which a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be provided on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for

confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission in accordance with § 201.8 of the Commission's rules at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on June 11, 2001. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-437]

Certain Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory Devices and Modules and Products Containing Same; Notice of Decision To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to review an initial determination (ID) (Order No. 1) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) terminating the above-captioned investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint by complainant Rambus Inc. The Commission does not wish to receive written submissions from the parties in connection with its review of the ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Yaworski, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3096. Hearing-impaired persons are