

certain 4-Androstenediol by reason of infringement of claims 1–4 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,880,117. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after a hearing, issue a permanent general exclusion order and permanent cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, as amended, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained 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>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Goalwin, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202–205–2574.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (1998).

Scope of Investigation

Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on December 13, 2000, *Ordered That*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain 4-Androstenediol by reason of infringement of claims 1, 2, 3, or 4 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,880,117, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is—LPJ Research, Inc, 205 South Main Street, P.O. Box 160, Seymour, Illinois 61875.

(b) The respondent is the following company alleged to be in violation of section 337, and the party upon which the complaint is to be served—Changzhou Huabang Pharmaceutical Group, Ltd., 22/F, International Building, Changzhou, Jiangsu, China.

(c) Anne Goalwin, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401–P, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

A response to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondent in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such response will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting a response to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

Issued: December 14, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–288]

Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: Section 7 of the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2703 note), which concerns local feedstock requirements for fuel ethyl alcohol imported by the United States from CBI-beneficiary countries, requires the Commission to determine annually the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30. The domestic market determination made by the Commission is to be used to establish the “base quantity” of imports that can be imported with a zero percent local feedstock requirement. The base quantity to be used by the U.S. Customs Service in the administration of the law is the greater of 60 million gallons or 7 percent of U.S. consumption as determined by the Commission. Beyond the base quantity of imports, progressively higher local feedstock requirements are placed on imports of fuel ethyl alcohol and mixtures from the CBI-beneficiary countries.

For the 12-month period ending September 30, 2000, the Commission has determined the level of U.S. consumption of fuel ethyl alcohol to be 1.61 billion gallons. Seven percent of this amount is 112.7 million gallons (these figures have been rounded). Therefore, the base quantity for 2001 should be 112.7 million gallons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Devry Boughner (202) 205–3313, dboughner@usitc.gov, in the Commission's Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart, wgearhart@usitc.gov, of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at (202) 205–3091.

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

Background

For purposes of making determinations of the U.S. market for fuel ethyl alcohol as required by section 7 of the Act, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332–288, Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of

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).

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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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).

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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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;