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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2002, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act. The Commission found that both the domestic and respondent interested party group responses to its notice of institution (67 FR 56311, September 3, 2002) were adequate. A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-288]

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

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2002.

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, 2002, the Commission has determined the level of U.S. consumption of fuel ethyl alcohol to be 1.89 billion gallons. Seven percent of this amount is 132.5 million gallons (these figures have been rounded). Therefore, the base quantity for 2003 should be 132.5 million gallons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Coleman (202) 205-3465, jcoleman@usitc.gov, in the Commission's Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact Mr. William Gearhart, wgearhart@usitc.gov, in 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 (Public Law 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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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act (OPA)

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States of America and the State of Maryland v. Potomac Electric Power*

Company, Support Terminals Operation Partnership, L.P. and Support Terminal Services, Inc., Civil Action No. AW 02-4013, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Maryland on December 11, 2002.

The Consent Decree resolves claims under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 U.S.C. 2701-2761 brought against Potomac Electric Power Company, Support Terminals Operating Partnership, L.P., and Support Terminal Services, Inc. collectively, ("Defendants"), for natural resource damages arising from the April 7, 2000 spill of oil from the rupture in an oil pipeline at Chalk Point Generating Station near Aquasco, Maryland.

The proposed Consent Decree requires the Defendants to pay approximately \$2,700,000 in natural resource damages and approximately \$318,000 for remaining unpaid damage assessment costs. The Consent Decree includes a covenant not to sue by the United States and State of Maryland under the Oil Pollution Act.

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, Environment and Natural Resources Division, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611. Each communication should refer to *United States, et al. v. Potomac Electric Power Co., et al.*

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Maryland, 101 W. Lombard Street, Suite 6625, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by (1) mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044 7611; or by (2) faxing the request to Tonia Fleetwood, U.S. Department of Justice, fax number (202) 514-0097; phone confirmation (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy, please forward the request and a check in the amount of \$7.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost), made payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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