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To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Arthur Palacios of the Western Regional Office, (213) 894-3437, by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2004.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 24, 2004.

Dawn Sweet,
Editor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-791-819]

Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Aluminum Plate From South Africa

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: We are postponing the preliminary determination in the antidumping duty investigation of certain aluminum plate from South Africa.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Trainor or Kate Johnson, Office 2, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration—Room B099, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4007 or (202) 482-4929, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination:

On November 12, 2003, the Department published the initiation of the antidumping duty investigation of imports of certain aluminum plate from South Africa. See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Certain Aluminum Plate from South*

Africa, 68 FR 64081. The notice of initiation stated that we would make our preliminary determination for this antidumping duty investigation no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation (*i.e.*, March 23, 2004).

On February 13, 2004, Alcoa Inc. (the petitioner) timely alleged that Hulett Aluminium (Pty) Limited is selling below its cost of production. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), we are postponing the preliminary determination in order to provide the Department sufficient time in which to consider this allegation and the potential complexities it may impose on the dumping margin calculation should the Department initiate a cost investigation. We will make our preliminary determination no later than May 13, 2004.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Jeffrey May,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-557-805]

Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia: Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order, Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of initiation and preliminary results of antidumping duty changed circumstances review, and intent to revoke antidumping duty order.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 19 CFR 351.216(b), Heveafil Sdn Bhd., Filmax Sdn. Bhd., and Heveafil USA Inc. (collectively “Heveafil”), a producer/exporter of subject merchandise and an interested party in this proceeding, filed a request for a changed circumstances review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia, as described below. In response to this request, the Department of Commerce is initiating a changed circumstances review and issuing a notice of intent to revoke the antidumping duty order on extruded

rubber thread from Malaysia. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 9, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin or Elizabeth Eastwood, Office 2, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3874, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 7, 1992, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. See *Antidumping Duty Order and Amendment of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia*, 57 FR 46150 (Oct. 7, 1992). On January 23, 2004, Heveafil, a producer/exporter of subject merchandise and an interested party in this proceeding, requested that the Department revoke the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia through a changed circumstances review. According to Heveafil, one of the two U.S. companies producing the domestic like product, Globe Manufacturing Co., exited the extruded rubber thread business on March 17, 2000, leaving the other company, North American Rubber Thread Co., Inc. (North American), as the sole U.S. producer. Heveafil also asserted that in August 2003 North American filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy and ceased all business operations. Additionally, Heveafil asserted that although a third company, Thai Rubber Latex Corporation, purchased the assets of North American, it is moving much of the purchased production equipment to Thailand and has indicated that the remaining machinery will not be used for production. Based on these events, Heveafil contends that there is no longer any U.S. production of the domestic like product, and a changed circumstances review and revocation of the order are warranted.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. 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. Extruded rubber thread is currently classifiable