

Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2571.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in § 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2006).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on August 22, 2006, *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 nickel metal hydride consumer batteries, components thereof, and consumer electronic products containing same by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 11-13, 18, and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,536,591, 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—

Ovonic Battery Company, Inc., 2968 Waterview Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Varta Aktiengesellschaft, Am Leineufer 51, 30419 Hanover, Germany.

Varta Microbattery GmbH, Daimlerstr. 1, Ellwangen Germany 73479.

Varta Microbattery, Inc., 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 120, White Plains, New York 10605.

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is Thomas S. Fusco, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents 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

responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation 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 an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 24, 2006.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-477]

Sub-Saharan Africa: Factors Affecting Trade Patterns of Selected Industries

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on July 27, 2006 of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the U.S. International Trade Commission ("the Commission") instituted investigation No. 332-477, *Sub-Saharan Africa: Factors Affecting Trade Patterns of Selected Industries*.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 18, 2006.

Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission will conduct an investigation under section 332(g) and prepare three annual reports providing certain information on the competitive factors affecting industries within Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) that have experienced significant shifts in exports.

In each of the reports, the Commission will provide an overview of the trends in SSA exports in the (1)

Agriculture, (2) mining and manufacturing, and (3) services sectors, as well as profiles of SSA industries within those sectors that produce products (as identified by the USTR) that have shown significant export shifts in recent years. The reports will be based on the most recent 5-year period for which data are available.

Each industry profile will provide the following information, to the extent data are available:

- A description of the leading industries within SSA that export the subject products, including their position relative to global competitors;
- Identification of the leading SSA exporting countries and their key markets; and
- Analysis of the competitive factors, by country, that have contributed to the shift in exports. (Such factors may include access to inputs, labor, technology, investment, trade policies—e.g., tariffs and trade preference programs such as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), privatization, and liberalization.)

As specified in the USTR's letter, the first annual report will cover industries producing the following products: (1) Agriculture—cut flowers, cocoa butter and paste, nuts (coconuts, Brazil nuts, and cashews), and prepared and preserved fish; (2) mining and manufacturing—acyclic alcohol, unwrought aluminum, textiles and apparel, petroleum gas (liquified natural gas), flat-rolled steel, and wood veneer sheets; and (3) services—financial services and tourism.

The Commission expects to deliver the first annual report to the USTR by April 3, 2007. The second and third reports will be delivered 12 and 24 months, respectively, after delivery of the first annual report.

The Commission anticipates that industry coverage for the subsequent reports will be determined in consultation with the USTR no later than 2 months after delivery of the previous year's report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader: Brad C. Gehrke (202-3329 or brad.gehrke@usitc.gov). Deputy Project Leader: Joanne E. Guth (202-205-3264 or joanne.guth@usitc.gov).

Industry-specific information may be obtained from the above persons. For more information on legal aspects of the investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel at 202-205-3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations at 202-205-1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal at 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ONLINE) at <http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm>.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with the first report in this investigation will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on December 6, 2006, at the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All persons have the right to appear by counsel or in person, to present information, and to be heard. Persons wishing to appear at the public hearing should file a letter to such effect with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, not later than the close of business (5:15 p.m. EST) on November 13, 2006, in accordance with the requirements in the "Written Submissions" section below.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements or briefs concerning the first report in this investigation. All written submissions, including requests to appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Any prehearing statements or briefs should be filed not later than close of business, November 15, 2006; the deadline for filing posthearing statements or briefs is close of business, December 15, 2006. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or a copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see *Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures*, <http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/>

[fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf](#); persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000 or edis@usitc.gov).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "non-confidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties.

In her request letter, the USTR stated that she intended to make the Commission's report available to the public in its entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any confidential business or national security information in the report it sends to her office. Consequently, the Commission's report will not contain any such information. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing the report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number: 1103-NEW]

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Monitoring Information Collections.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), has submitted the

following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 71, Number 119, page 35701 on June 21, 2006, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment September 28, 2006. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Monitoring Information Collections.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None. U.S. Department of Justice Office