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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The legislative purpose (Section 348, Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-58) of the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel is to advise the North Slope Science Initiative Oversight Group on issues such as identifying and prioritizing inventory, monitoring and research needs, and providing other scientific information as requested by the Oversight Group. The Oversight Group membership includes the Alaska Regional Directors of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and National Marine Fisheries Service; the Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Director; the Commissioners of the Alaska Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game; the Mayor of the North Slope Borough; and the President of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Advisory members of the Oversight Group include the Regional Executive, U.S. Geological Survey; Deputy Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Alaska Regional Director, National Weather Service; and the Regional Coordinator for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Science Technical Advisory Panel consists of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, and academia, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The members are selected from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries, marine biology, landscape ecology, and climatology.

Duties of the Science Technical Advisory Panel are solely advisory to the Oversight Group, which will provide direction regarding priorities for decisions needed for the management of resources on the North Slope of Alaska and the adjacent marine environment. Duties could include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Advise the Oversight Group on science planning and relevant inventory, monitoring and research

projects necessary for management decisions;

b. Advise the Oversight Group on scientific information relevant to the mission of the North Slope Science Initiative;

c. Review selected reports and advise the Oversight Group on their content and relevance;

d. Review ongoing scientific programs of the North Slope Science Initiative member organizations at the request of the membership to promote compatibility in methodologies and compilation of duties;

e. Advise the Oversight Group on how to ensure scientific products generated through the North Slope Science Initiative activities are of the highest technical quality;

f. Provide scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group; and,

g. Coordinate with groups, committees and sub-committees as requested by the Oversight Group.

The Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer of the Science Technical Advisory Panel.

Qualifications and Procedures Required for Nomination

All membership will consist of individuals having a minimum of five years of work experience in the Arctic in their field of expertise. Individuals will be selected from among, but not limited to, those disciplines and entities described above. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons, including themselves, to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel. Members will be appointed for three year terms. Current Science Technical Advisory Panel appointees may be reappointed for additional terms at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. Under current Administration policy, federally registered lobbyists may not serve on the panel.

How To Nominate

Nomination forms may be obtained from the North Slope Science Initiative Web site (<http://www.northslope.org>), or from the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (see "For Further Information Contact" section, above). To make a nomination, or self-nominate, submit a completed nomination form with a minimum of one letter of reference that describes the nominee's qualifications to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel. The professional discipline the nominee would represent should be identified in the reference letter of nomination and in the nomination form. Nominees may be scientists and technical experts from

diverse professions and interests, including, but not limited to, oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, or academia. Nominees appointed to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel will serve only in their professional capacity and will not serve to represent any group, agency or entity with whom they may be affiliated.

The Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, will collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the Oversight Group for consideration. The collective recommendations of the Oversight Group will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior who has the responsibility for making appointments.

Members of the Science Technical Advisory Panel will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel, lodging and per diem expenses to participate in announced meetings.

Certification:

I hereby certify the Science Technical Advisory Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities, and in compliance with Section 348, Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58).

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

Bud C. Cribley,

State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary)]

Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico and Turkey; Institution of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping and countervailing duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227-1228 (Preliminary) under sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with

material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Mexico and Turkey of steel concrete reinforcing bar, primarily provided for in subheadings 7213.10, 7214.20, and 7228.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value and by reason of imports from Turkey that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Turkey. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to sections 702(c)(1)(B) or 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671a(c)(1)(B) or 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations in 45 days, or in this case by October 21, 2013. The Commission's views are to be issued within five business days thereafter, or by October 28, 2013.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 4, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Szustakowski (202-205-3169), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter 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>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on September 4, 2013, by the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members: Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, NC; Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc., Tampa, FL; Commercial Metals Company, Irving, TX; Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc., McMinnville, OR; and Byer Steel Corporation, Cincinnati, OH.

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than

petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Investigations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on September 25, 2013, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Requests to appear at the conference should be filed with William.Bishop@usitc.gov and Sharon.Bellamy@usitc.gov (do not file on EDIS) on or before September 20, 2013. Parties in support of the imposition of countervailing and antidumping duties in these investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before September 30, 2013, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the

investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. Please be aware that the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing have been amended. The amendments took effect on November 7, 2011. See 76 FR 61937 (Oct. 6, 2011) and the newly revised Commission's Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission's Web site at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: September 5, 2013.

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton,

Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On September 4, 2013, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Safeway Inc.*, Civil Action No. C-13-4086.

The United States filed this lawsuit under the Clean Air Act. The United States' complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of the regulations governing the service and repair of commercial refrigeration appliances that use ozone-depleting refrigerant. The consent decree requires Safeway Inc. to perform injunctive relief and pay a \$600,000 civil penalty.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to