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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-591 and 731-TA-1399 (Preliminary)]

### Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From China; 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 investigation nos. 701-TA-591 and 731-TA-1399 (Preliminary) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“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 of common alloy aluminum sheet from China, provided for in subheadings 7606.11.30, 7606.11.60, 7606.12.30, 7606.12.60, 7606.91.30, 7606.91.60, 7606.92.30, and 7606.92.60 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 alleged to be subsidized by the Government of China. The Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations in 45 days, or in this case by January 16, 2018. The Commission’s views must be transmitted to Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by January 23, 2018.

**DATES:** December 1, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nathanael N. Comly (202-205-3174), 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 (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background.**—These investigations are being instituted, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), in response to a notification of investigations self-initiated by the U.S. Department of Commerce deemed by the Commission as having been filed on December 1, 2017.

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 and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

**Participation in the investigations and public service list.**—Persons 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 duty 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 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Requests to appear at the conference should be emailed to [William.bishop@usitc.gov](mailto:William.bishop@usitc.gov) and [Sharon.bellamy@usitc.gov](mailto:Sharon.bellamy@usitc.gov) (DO NOT FILE ON EDIS) on or before December 19, 2017. 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 December 27, 2017, 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. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission’s rules. The Commission’s Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission’s Web site at <https://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission’s rules with respect to electronic filing.

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.

**Certification.**—Pursuant to section 207.3 of the Commission’s rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with these investigations must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter’s knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that any information that it submits to the Commission during these investigations may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of these or related investigations or reviews, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating

to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

**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.

By order of the Commission.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-76]

### Large Residential Washers

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Publication of summary of the Commission's report on the investigation.

**SUMMARY:** The Trade Act of 1974 requires that the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") publish in the **Federal Register** a summary of each report that it submits to the President under the Trade Act of 1974. Set forth below is a summary of the report that the Commission submitted to the President on December 4, 2017, on investigation No. TA-201-76, *Large Residential Washers*. The Commission conducted the investigation under the Trade Act of 1974 following receipt of a petition, as amended and properly filed on June 5, 2017. The full text of the report (with the exception of confidential business information) will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

**DATES:** December 4, 2017: Transmittal of the Commission's report to the President.

**ADDRESSES:** United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathanael Comly (202-205-3174), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The

media should contact Martha Lawless, Office of External Relations (202-205-3497 or [Martha.Lawless@usitc.gov](mailto:Martha.Lawless@usitc.gov)). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Web site (<https://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2002.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Procedural summary:** Effective June 5, 2017, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether large residential washers ("LRWs") are 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. The Commission instituted the investigation in response to a petition, as amended and properly filed on June 5, 2017, by Whirlpool Corporation ("Whirlpool"), a producer of LRWs in the United States.

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** (82 FR 27075 (June 13, 2017)). The public hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on September 7, 2017, in Washington, DC, and the public hearing in connection with the remedy phase of the investigation was held on October 19, 2017, in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel. The Commission voted with respect to injury issues on October 5, 2017, and with respect to remedy issues on November 21, 2017.

The Commission submitted its report to the President on December 4, 2017. The report included the Commission's injury determination and recommended actions, an explanation of the basis for the injury determination and recommended actions, and a summary of the information obtained in the investigation.

**Determination:** On the basis of information developed in the subject investigation, the Commission determined pursuant to section 202(b)

of the Trade Act of 1974 that large residential washers are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Having made an affirmative injury determination pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, the Commission was required to make certain additional findings under the implementing statutes of certain free trade agreements ("FTAs") or under statutory provisions related to certain preferential trade programs. Under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3371(a)), the Commission found that imports of LRWs from neither Canada nor Mexico account for a substantial share of total imports or contribute importantly to the serious injury caused by imports. The Commission also found that imports of LRWs from Australia, CAFTA DR countries, Colombia, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Peru, and Singapore, individually, are not a substantial cause of serious injury or threat thereof, under the relevant FTA implementing legislation. See 19 U.S.C. 2112 note (Jordan); 19 U.S.C. 3805 note (Australia, Colombia, Korea, Panama, Peru, Singapore); 19 U.S.C. 4101 (CAFTA-DR). The Commission also found that the serious injury substantially caused by imports to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive article does not result from the reduction or elimination of any duty provided for under the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement or from duty free treatment provided for under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act provisions of the Caribbean Basin Initiative Trade Program or the GSP program. 19 U.S.C. 2112 note (Israel); 19 U.S.C. 2703(e) (CBERA); 19 U.S.C. 2253(e)(6) (GSP).

**Remedy recommendations:** In order to address the serious injury to the domestic industry producing large residential washers and be most effective in facilitating the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition, the Commissioners recommend the following actions.

The Commissioners recommend that the President impose a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on imports of large residential washers for a duration of three years. For U.S. imports of large residential washers that exceed 1.2 million units, the Commissioners recommend a tariff rate of 50 percent *ad valorem*, in addition to the current rate of duty. The Commissioners recommend that the in-quota volume remain constant