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Agenda:

- I. Welcome
- II. Presentations by Virgene Hanna and Jessica Passini
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstance of staffing limitations that require immediate action.

Dated: July 20, 2018.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.
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ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms’ workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[07/11/2018 through 07/17/2018]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Mectron Engineering Company, Inc..	400 South Industrial Drive, Saline, MI 48176.	7/13/2018	The firm manufactures high-speed industrial inspection machinery.
Seidel, LLC	2223 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06704.	7/13/2018	The firm provides aluminum anodizing finishes for various industries and applications.
Meyer Wells, Inc.	421 3rd Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119.	7/17/2018	The firm manufactures commercial and residential furniture, mostly made of reclaimed wood.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Irette Patterson,
Program Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Notice of Request for Public Comments on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Uranium

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Technology Evaluation, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce has initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of uranium. This investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to the Department of

Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security. This notice identifies issues on which the Department is especially interested in obtaining the public’s views.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time but must be received by September 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: All written comments on the notice must be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *By the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments on this notice may be submitted to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) docket number BIS–2018–0011.
- By mail or delivery to Michael Vaccaro, Acting Director, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 1093, Washington, DC 20230.
- By email directly to Uranium232@bis.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Vaccaro, Acting Director, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (202) 482-4060, Uranium232@bis.doc.gov. For more information about the section 232 program, including the regulations and the text of previous investigations, see www.bis.doc.gov/232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 18, 2018, the Secretary of Commerce (“Secretary”) initiated an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of uranium.

Written Comments

This investigation is being undertaken in accordance with part 705 of the National Security Industrial Base Regulations (15 CFR parts 700 to 709) (“NSIBR”). Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or information pertinent to this investigation to the Office of Technology Evaluation, U.S. Department of Commerce (“the Department”), no later than September 10, 2018.

The Department is particularly interested in comments and information directed to the criteria listed in § 705.4 of the regulations as they affect national security, including the following: (a) Quantity of or other circumstances related to the importation of uranium; (b) Domestic production and productive capacity needed for uranium to meet projected national defense requirements; (c) Existing and anticipated availability of human resources, products, raw materials, production equipment, and facilities to produce uranium; (d) Growth requirements of the uranium industry to meet national defense requirements and/or requirements to assure such growth; (e) The impact of foreign competition on the economic welfare of the uranium industry; (f) The displacement of any domestic uranium production causing substantial unemployment, decrease in the revenues of government, loss of investment or specialized skills and productive capacity, or other serious effects; (g) Relevant factors that are causing or will cause a weakening of our national economy; and (h) Any other relevant factors.

Material submitted by members of the public that is business confidential information will be exempted from public disclosure as provided for by

§ 705.6 of the regulations. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission, file a statement justifying nondisclosure and referring to the specific legal authority claimed, and provide a non-confidential submission which can be placed in the public file. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection. If public hearings are held in support of this investigation, a separate **Federal Register** notice will be published.

The Bureau of Industry and Security does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. Requesters should first view the Bureau’s web page, which can be found at <https://efoia.bis.doc.gov/> (see “Electronic FOIA” heading). If requesters cannot access the website, they may call 202-482-0795 for assistance. The records related to this assessment are made accessible in accordance with the regulations published in part 4 of title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 19, 2018.

Wilbur Ross,

Secretary of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-814]

Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings (butt-weld pipe fittings) exported from Malaysia, which were completed in Malaysia using finished or unfinished butt-weld pipe fittings sourced from the People’s Republic of China (China), are circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) order on butt-weld pipe fittings from China.

DATES: Applicable July 25, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Huang or Susan Pulongbarit, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue

NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4047 or (202) 482-4031, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 6, 1992, Commerce issued the AD order on imports of butt-weld pipe fittings from China.¹ Additionally, on March 31, 1994, Commerce issued an affirmative final anti-circumvention determination finding that imports into the United States of pipe fittings that were finished in Thailand from unfinished pipe fittings produced in China constituted circumvention of the *Order* within the meaning of section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² Commerce applied this finding of circumvention to all imports of butt-weld pipe fittings from Thailand, regardless of manufacturer/producer, unless accompanied by a certification stating that such pipe fittings have not been produced from unfinished pipe fittings sourced from China.³

On May 22, 2017, Tube Forgings of America, Inc., Mills Iron Works, Inc., and Hackney Ladish, Inc., (collectively, the domestic parties), alleged that imports of butt-weld pipe fittings which were completed in Malaysia using finished or unfinished butt-weld pipe fittings sourced from China are circumventing the *Order*.⁴ In their allegation, the domestic parties requested that Commerce initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(b) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.225(h), to determine whether imports of butt-weld pipe fittings sourced from unfinished or finished butt-weld pipe fittings from the PRC have undergone minor finishing processes, or were simply marked with “Malaysia” as the country of origin, in Malaysia, before export to the United States constitutes circumvention of the *Order*. The domestic parties also requested that Commerce reach an affirmative determination of circumvention for all imports of butt-

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Order and Amendment to the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value; Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China*, 57 FR 29702 (July 6, 1992) (*Order*).

² See *Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China; Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of Antidumping Duty Order*, 59 FR 15155 (March 31, 1994).

³ *Id.*, at 15158-59.

⁴ See Letter from the domestic parties to the Secretary of Commerce, “Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China, A-570-814; Request for Circumvention Ruling Pursuant to Section 781(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930,” dated May 22, 2017.