Background

Section 112(b)(5) of the AGOA and section 213(b)(2)(A)(v) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as added by section 211(a) of the CBTPA, allow preferential treatment for apparel made in beneficiary countries from certain fabrics or yarns to the extent that apparel of such fabrics or yarns would be eligible for preferential treatment, without regard to the source of the fabrics or yarns, under Annex 401 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. These sections also authorize the President, on request of an interested party, to proclaim preferential treatment for apparel made in beneficiary countries from additional fabrics or yarns, if the President determines that such fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and the President complies with certain procedural requirements, one of which is to obtain the advice of the Commission. The President is required to submit a report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees that sets forth the action proposed to be proclaimed, the reasons for such action, and the advice obtained from the Commission and the appropriate advisory committee, within 60 days after a request is received from an interested party.

In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) the authority to determine whether particular fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. He authorized CITA and the USTR to submit the required report to the Congress, and delegated to USTR the authority to obtain advice from the Commission.

As requested by the USTR, the Commission will provide advice regarding the probable economic effect of providing preferential treatment for apparel made in AGOA and/or CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabrics or yarns, regardless of the source of the fabrics or yarns, which allegedly cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner (i.e., which allegedly are in ''short supply''). The advice will be provided as to the probable economic effect of such action on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, workers in these industries, and consumers of affected goods.

The Commission will follow the same procedures as it did in conducting ''short supply'' reviews in 2001 under Investigation No. 332–428. Thus, during 2002, the Commission will provide advice for each ''short supply'' review under a single investigation number. The Commission will not publish notices in the **Federal Register** of receipt of individual requests for advice. Instead, the Commission will issue a news release each time it initiates an analysis, and the news release will identify the article(s) under consideration, indicate the deadline for submission of public comments on the proposed preferential treatment, and provide the name, telephone number, and Internet e-mail address of staff who will be able to provide additional information on the request. CITA publishes a summary of each request from interested parties in the **Federal Register**. To view these notices, see the Internet site of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA), at *http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/fr.stm.*

The Commission has developed a special area on its Internet site (*http://www.usitc.gov/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm*) to provide the public with information on the status of each request for which the Commission initiated analysis. The Commission has also developed a group list of facsimile addresses of interested parties or individuals who wish to be automatically notified via facsimile about any requests for which the Commission initiated analysis. Interested parties may be added to this list by notifying Jackie W. Jones (202–205–3466; *jones@usitc.gov*).

The Commission will submit its reports to the USTR not later than the 42nd day after receiving a request for advice. The Commission will issue a public version of each report as soon thereafter as possible, with any confidential business information deleted.

Written Submissions: Because of time constraints, the Commission will not hold public hearings in connection with the advice provided under this investigation number. However, interested parties will be invited to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in this investigation. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving input from the private sector on the likely effect of any proposed preferential treatment on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, their workers, and consumers. Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted in accordance with § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). The Commission's Rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means. 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. The Commission may include confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the reports to the USTR. In the public version of these reports, however, the Commission will not publish confidential business information in a manner that could reveal the individual operations of the firms supplying the information. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

List of Subjects: African, Apparel, Caribbean, Fabric, Imports, Tariffs, and Yarn.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 18, 2002.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Acting Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE–02–003]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: February 8, 2002 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436 Telephone: (202) 205–2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: None.
2. Minutes
3. Ratification List
4. Inv. No. 731–TA–920 (Final) (Certain Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Mexico)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on February 19, 2002.)
5. Outstanding action jackets: None

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting. Earlier announcement of this meeting was not possible.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 22, 2002.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with the policy of the Department of Justice, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States* v. *Alcoa, Inc.,* Civ. No. 4:99CV61 AS, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, Hammond Division at Lafayette, on January 16, 2002. The action was brought by the United States against Alcoa, Inc. (''Alcoa'') under section 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act (''the Act''), 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), for injunctive relief and assessment of civil penalties. The complaint alleges that Alcoa violated the Act and its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit (''NPDES Permit'') issued pursuant to the Act, by failing to comply with numerical limitations governing specific pollutants established by Alcoa's NPDES Permit, including Five-Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (''BOD5''), polychlorinated biphlenyls (''PCB''), Total Residual Chlorine, Fecal Coliform, Total Suspended Solids (''TSS''), Oil & Grease, and Total Aluminum, discharged by Alcoa to Elliott Ditch at its aluminum manufacturing facility located in Lafayette, Indiana.

Under the proposed consent decree, Alcoa will pay a civil penalty of $550,000; comply with all applicable NPDES Permit requirements by implementing five delineated corrective measures, other corrective measures as necessary to ensure continued compliance, additional corrective measures including enhanced monitoring, and contingent corrective measures if compliance with NPDES Permit requirements for TSS and PCB are not maintained for a 12 month period; perform a Supplemental Environmental Project (''SEP'') valued at $2 million; perform other injunctive relief in the form of instituting an Environmental Management System at its facility; and conduct an Elliott Ditch/Wea Creek Investigation to evaluate sources, fate and transport of PCBs in the water column, sediments and fish in these water bodies.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. As a result of the discovery of anthrax contamination at the District of Columbia mail processing center in mid-October, 2001, the delivery of regular first-class mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service has been disrupted. Consequently, public comments which are addressed to the Department of Justice in Washington, DC and sent by regular, first-class mail through the U.S. Postal Service are not expected to be received in timely manner. Therefore, comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, and sent: (1) c/o Clifford D. Johnson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Robert A. Grant Federal Building, 204 South Main Street, Room M–01, South Bend, Indiana 46601, (219–236–8287); and/or (2) by facsimile to (202) 353–0296; and/or (3) by overnight delivery, other than through the U.S. Postal Service, to Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Each communication should refer on its face to *United States* v. *Alcoa, Inc.,* D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–06358.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Robert A. Grant Federal Building, 204 South Main Street, Room M–01, South Bend, Indiana 46601, and at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Region 5), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604–3590 (contact: Joseph Williams (312–886–6631)). A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may also be obtained by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, fax no. (202) 616–6584; phone confirmation no. (202) 514–1547. There is a charge for the copy (25 cents per page reproduction cost). Upon requesting a copy, please mail a check payable to the ''U.S. Treasury'', in the amount of $10.75 for the consent decree including one appendix (43 pages) to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, PO Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611. The check should refer to *United States* v. *Alcoa, Inc.,* D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–06358.

William D. Brighton,

Assistant Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2001, a proposed Complaint and Consent Decree in *United States* v. *Conoco Inc.,* Civil Action No. H–01–4430, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Notice of this proposed settlement was first published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 1, page 107), opening a public comment period for thirty (30) days on the Consent Decree and instructing that comments be sent by regular first class mail to the U.S. Department of Justice. As a result of the discovery of anthrax contamination at the District of Columbia mail processing center in mid-October, 2001, the delivery of regular first-class mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service has been disrupted. Consequently, public comments which were addressed to the Department of Justice in Washington, DC and sent by regular, first-class mail through the U.S. Postal Service are not expected to be received in a timely manner. This notice is to provide revised instructions for the submission of comments, to extend the public comment period, and to request that persons resubmit comments on this settlement that were previously addressed to the Washington, DC post office box.

In this action the United States sought civil penalties and injunctive relief against Conoco Inc. (''Conoco'') pursuant to section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act (''CAA''), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b) (1983), amended by, 42 U.S.C. 7413(b) (Supp. 1991), alleged violations at Conoco's 4 refineries in Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Under the settlement, Conoco will implement innovative pollution control technologies to greatly reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (''NO_X'') and sulfur dioxide (''SO_2'') from refinery process units and adopt facility-wide enhanced monitoring and fugitive emission control programs. In addition, Koch will pay a civil penalty of $1.5 million and spend $5.5 million on supplemental and beneficial environmental projects. The states of Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma and Louisiana will join in this settlement as signatories to the Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Persons who have already submitted comments pursuant to the January 2, 2002 notice