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Ed Hastey,

State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Report to the President on Investigation No. NAFTA-302-1 (Provisional Relief Phase); Broom Corn Brooms¹

Determinations

On the basis of the statute and available information developed to date in the subject investigation—

Chairman Watson and Commissioner Crawford make a negative determination with respect to whether—

(1) There is clear evidence that, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the NAFTA, broom corn brooms from Mexico are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities (in absolute terms) and under such conditions so that imports of the article, alone, constitute a substantial cause of serious injury or a threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article that is like, or directly competitive with, the imported article; and

(2) Delay in taking action would cause damage to that industry that would be difficult to repair.

Commissioner Rohr determines—

(1) There is clear evidence that, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the NAFTA, broom corn brooms from Mexico are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities (in absolute terms) and under such conditions so that imports of the article, alone, constitute a substantial cause of a threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article that is like, or directly competitive with, the imported article; but

(2) Delay in taking action would not cause damage to that industry that would be difficult to repair.

Vice Chairman Nuzum and Commissioners Newquist and Bragg determine—

(1) There is clear evidence that, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the NAFTA, broom corn brooms from Mexico are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities (in absolute

terms) and under such conditions so that imports of the article, alone, constitute a substantial cause of a threat of serious injury (Vice Chairman Nuzum, Commissioners Newquist and Bragg) to the domestic industry producing an article that is like, or directly competitive with, the imported article; and

(2) Delay in taking action would cause damage to that industry that would be difficult to repair.

Background

Following receipt of a petition filed on March 4, 1996, on behalf of the U.S. Cornbroom Task Force and its individual members, the Commission instituted investigation No. NAFTA-302-1 to determine whether, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the NAFTA, broom corn brooms from Mexico are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities (in absolute terms) and under such conditions so that imports of the article, alone, constitute a substantial cause of serious injury, or a threat of serious injury, to the domestic industry producing an article that is like or directly competitive with the imported article. In addition, the petitioner asserted that critical circumstances exist and requested, pursuant to section 302(a)(2) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. § 3352(a)(2)), that provisional relief be provided.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation 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 of March 18, 1996 (61 F.R. 11061).

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the President on May 3, 1996. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 2963 (May 1996), entitled "Broom Corn Brooms: Investigation No. NAFTA 302-1 (Provisional Relief Phase)."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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[Investigation No. 731-TA-748 (Preliminary)]

Engineered Process Gas Turbo-Compressor Systems From Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution and scheduling of a preliminary antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of preliminary antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-748 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 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 Japan of engineered process gas turbo-compressor systems, provided for in subheadings 8414.80.20, 8414.90.40, 8419.60.50, 8406.81.10, 8406.82.10, 8406.90.20 through 8406.90.45, and 9032.89.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must complete preliminary antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by June 24, 1996. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by July 1.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation 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).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Reavis (202-205-3185), 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> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

¹ Broom corn brooms are provided for in subheadings 9603.10.05, 9603.10.15, 9603.35, 9603.10.40, 9603.10.50, and 9603.10.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on May 8, 1996, by Dresser-Rand Company, Corning, NY.

Participation in the Investigation and Public Service List

Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation 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. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation 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 this preliminary investigation available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigation, 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 Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on May 29, 1996, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Larry Reavis (202-205-3185) not later than the day preceding the conference to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation 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 June 3, 1996, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. 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.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (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: The investigation is 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.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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[Investigation Nos. 332-350 and 332-351]**Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes and Peppers**

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice that Commission will not publish monitoring reports in 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy McCarty (202-205-3324) or Lowell Grant (202-205-3312), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries, or William Gearhart (202-205-3091), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on these studies by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Background

Section 316 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3381) directs the Commission to monitor imports of fresh or chilled tomatoes (HTS heading 0702.00) and fresh or

chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.00), until January 1, 2009, as if a request for such monitoring had been made under section 202(d) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(d)), for purposes of expediting an investigation concerning provisional relief under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974. In response, the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332-350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes (59 F.R. 1763, January 12, 1994) and Investigation No. 332-351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers (59 F.R. 1762, January 12, 1994). Although section 316 of the NAFTA Implementation Act does not require the Commission to publish reports on the results of its monitoring activities, the Commission's notices announcing the investigations stated that the Commission planned to publish annual statistical reports of certain trade data through the year 2008.

The Commission has recently instituted two investigations concerning imports of tomatoes and/or peppers, Investigation No. TA-201-66, Fresh Tomatoes and Bell Peppers (61 F.R. 13875, March 28, 1996), under section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b)); and preliminary antidumping Investigation No. 731-TA-747 (Preliminary), Fresh Tomatoes from Mexico (61 F.R. 15968, April 10, 1996), under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)). To avoid possible public confusion due to the release of multiple reports containing different data series, the Commission will not publish reports on the results of monitoring in 1996. The Commission will continue to monitor as required by section 316 of the NAFTA Implementation Act and will consider at a later date whether to resume publication of monitoring reports in 1997 and later years.

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Secretary.

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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES**Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Invitation for Membership on Advisory Committee**

The Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries (Joint Board) established under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), is responsible for the enrollment of