

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-355 (Review)
731-TA-659-660 (Review)]

Grain-Oriented Silicon Electrical Steel From Italy and Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of full five-year reviews concerning the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on grain-oriented silicon electrical steel from Italy and Japan.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on grain-oriented silicon electrical steel from Italy and Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews 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, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Taylor (202-708-4101), 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On March 3, 2000, the Commission determined that responses to its notice of institution of the subject five-year reviews were such that full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act should proceed (65 FR 13989, March 15, 2000). A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

Participation in the reviews and public service list.—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in these reviews as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of these reviews need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the reviews.

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 reviews available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the reviews, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9), who are parties to the reviews. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the reviews need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in these reviews will be placed in the nonpublic record on December 12, 2000, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.64 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with these reviews beginning at 9:30 a.m. on January 4, 2001, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before December 27, 2000. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on January 2, 2001, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public

hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), 207.24, and 207.66 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony in camera no later than 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party to the reviews may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is December 21, 2000. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.67 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is January 12, 2001; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the reviews may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the reviews on or before January 12, 2001. On January 31, 2001, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before February 2, 2001, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.68 of the Commission's rules. 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 rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (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 reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-860 (Final)]

Tin- and Chromium-Coated Steel Sheet from Japan

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Japan of tin- and chromium-coated steel sheet, provided for in subheadings 7210.11.00, 7210.12.00, 7210.50.00, 7212.10.00, and 7212.50.00 if of non-alloy steel and under subheadings 7225.99.00 and 7226.99.00 if of alloy steel (other than stainless steel) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective October 28, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Weirton Steel Corp., Weirton, WV, the Independent Steelworkers Union, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of tin- and chromium-coated steel sheet from Japan were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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** of April 24, 2000 (65 FR 21791). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on June 29,

2000, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on August 9, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3337 (August 2000), entitled Tin- and Chromium-Coated Steel Sheet from Japan: Investigation No. 731-TA-860 (Final).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Department policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States v. RAM Industries, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 00-3826 (E.D. Pa.) was lodged on July 28, 2000, with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The consent decree resolves the claims of the United States against RAM Industries, Inc. under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for reimbursement of response costs incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in connection with the Eighth Street Drum Site located in Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Under the terms of the consent decree, EPA would receive \$13,500, which represents approximately 33% of the amount expended by the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 20530, and should refer to *United States v. RAM Industries, Inc.*, DOJ #90-11-3-06920.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney, 615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4476. A copy of the consent decree may

also be obtained by mail from the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$6.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Core Principles for Federal Non-Binding Workplace ADR Programs; Developing Guidance for Binding Arbitration—A Handbook for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Department of Justice/Federal Alternative Dispute Resolution Council.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains two documents to assist Federal agencies in developing alternative dispute resolution (ADR) programs: "Core Principles for Non-Binding Workplace ADR Programs" and "Developing Guidance for Binding Arbitration—A Handbook for Federal Agencies." These documents were created by the Federal ADR Council, a group of high level government agency officials chaired by the Attorney General. The documents are based on the combined expertise of ADR specialists in federal agencies with active ADR programs. The first document describes ten key elements that are essential in any fair and effective ADR program. The second document provides information and assistance for agencies on the use of binding arbitration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: August 8, 2000.

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Federal Register Introduction

The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 (ADRA), 5 U.S.C. 571-584, requires that each Federal agency take steps to promote the use of ADR and calls for the establishment of an interagency committee to facilitate and encourage agency use of ADR. As

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Chairman Stephen Koplan and Commissioner Thelma J. Askey dissenting.