

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-368-371 and 731-TA-763-766 (Preliminary)]

Certain Steelwire Rod From Canada, Germany, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of the investigations and commencement of preliminary phase countervailing duty investigations 701-TA-368-371 (Preliminary) under section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1671b(a)) (the Act) and antidumping investigations No. 731-TA-763-766 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(a)) 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 Canada, Germany, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela of certain steel wire rod, provided for in subheadings 7213.91.30, 7213.91.45, 7213.91.60, 7213.99.00, 7227.20.00, and 7227.90.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized and/or 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 reach preliminary determinations in countervailing duty and antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by April 14, 1997. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 21, 1997.

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 through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207), as amended in 61 FR 37818 (July 22, 1996).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 26, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Baker (202-205-3180), 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on February 26, 1997, by counsel for Connecticut Steel Corp., Wallingford, CT; Co-Steel Raritan, Perth Amboy, NJ; GS Industries, Inc., Georgetown, SC; Keystone Steel & Wire Co., Peoria, IL; and North Star Steel Texas, Inc., Beaumont, TX.

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) 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 countervailing duty and antidumping 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 the 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 Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on March 19, 1997, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to

participate in the conference should contact Debra Baker (202-205-3180) not later than March 13, 1997, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of countervailing duty and/or antidumping duties in the 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 March 24, 1997, 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 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 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.

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.

Issued: February 28, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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[Investigation No. 337-TA-390]

In the Matter of Certain Transport Vehicle Tires; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law

judge's (ALJ's) initial determination (ID) (Order No. 17) in the above-captioned investigation terminating the investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neal J. Reynolds, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 1996, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by Michelin North America, Inc. ("MNA"). The complaint alleged that the importation and sale of certain transport vehicle tires violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 by infringing claims of U.S. Letters Patent 4,480,671 ("the '671 patent") covering tread on a heavy duty tire. The companies named as respondents are Kumho Tire Co., Ltd. and Kumho Tire U.S.A., Inc. ("Kumho").

On November 27, 1996, Kumho filed a motion for summary determination of non-infringement. MNA opposed the motion. On December 12, 1996, Kumho also filed two motions requesting the ALJ to compel MNA to discover certain information relating to MNA's tire compounding and manufacturing processes. MNA opposed the discovery motions, arguing that the information requested by Kumho was extremely sensitive and highly sought-after proprietary information of MNA and that it was not relevant to the subject matter of the investigation. On December 24, 1996, the ALJ ordered MNA to produce the information (Order No. 12).

On January 7, 1997, pursuant to Commission rule 210.21(a), MNA moved for an order terminating the investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint. MNA stated that it was withdrawing the complaint and requesting termination of the investigation in order to protect its highly proprietary tire compounding information from discovery. Kumho opposed the motion, arguing that the ALJ should rule on the pending motion for summary determination before addressing the motion to terminate. On January 30, 1997, the ALJ granted MNA's motion to terminate and issued an ID terminating the investigation "with prejudice" (Order No. 17). The ALJ declined to issue a decision on Kumho's motion for summary determination.

On February 6, 1997, Kumho filed a petition for review of the ID terminating the investigation. In its petition, Kumho requested that the Commission vacate the ID and remand the investigation to the ALJ with instructions to rule on Kumho's pending motion for summary

determination and its motion for discovery sanctions before ruling on MNA's motion to terminate. MNA and the IA have opposed the petition for review.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, and Commission rule 210.42, 19 C.F.R. §§ 210.42. Copies of the ALJ's ID, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation, are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Information Security Oversight Office; National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.2) and implementing regulation 41 CFR 101-6, announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC).

Date of Meeting: March 25, 1997.

Time of Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Place of Meeting: National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Purpose: To discuss National Industrial Security Program policy matters.

This meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, the names and telephone numbers of individuals planning to attend must be submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) no later than March 20, 1997.

For Further Information Contact: Steven Garfinkel, Director, ISOO, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 100, Washington, DC 20408, telephone (202) 219-5250.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Mary Ann Hadyka,

Policy and Communications Staff.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Business Session will be held at the Department of State, 2101 C Street NW, Washington, DC. The Executive Session will be held at the Department of Treasury, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The agenda is as follows:

- Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks
- Manager's Report
- IES Report of Activities
- Information Assurance Task Force Report
- National Information Infrastructure Task Force Report
- Network Security Group Report
- Global Information Infrastructure and Information Assurance Topics
- Adjournment

Due to the potential requirement to discuss classified information, in conjunction with the issues listed above, the meeting will be closed to the public in the interest of National Defense.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Telephone (703) 607-6221 or write the Manager, National Communications System, 701 S. Court House Rd., Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

Dennis Bodson,

Chief, Technology and Standards.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 3, 1997.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and