

3104, respectively. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This investigation was instituted on April 2, 1997, based on a complaint filed by Ciena in which it alleged that Pirelli violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling in the United States after importation certain dense wavelength division multiplexing systems or components that infringe certain claims of Ciena's U.S. Letters Patent 5,557,439 and/or U.S. Letters Patent 5,504,609. 62 FR 17639 (April 10, 1997).

On November 25, 1997, Ciena and Pirelli filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation by consent order. On December 24, 1997, movants supplemented their joint motion by filing a revised proposed consent order. On March 5, 1998, the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) issued an initial determination (ID) terminating the investigation on the basis of the revised consent order. On March 24, 1998, the Commission determined not to review the ALJ's ID, 63 FR 15887 (April 1, 1998), thereby allowing it to become the final determination of the Commission.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 USC 1337, and Commission rule 210.76, 19 CFR 210.76.

Copies of all 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 S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000.

By order of the Commission.

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**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-380-382 and 731-TA-797-804 (Preliminary)]

### Certain Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom

#### Determinations

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured<sup>2</sup> or threatened with material injury<sup>3</sup> by reason of imports from France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea (Korea) of certain stainless steel sheet and strip,<sup>4</sup> that are alleged to be subsidized by the Governments of France, Italy, and Korea. The Commission also determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured<sup>2</sup> or threatened with material injury<sup>3</sup> by reason of imports from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom of certain stainless steel sheet and strip, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value.

#### Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling which will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations

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

<sup>2</sup> Chairman Bragg and Commissioner Crawford determine that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured.

<sup>3</sup> Vice Chairman Miller determines that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury.

<sup>4</sup> The merchandise subject to these investigations is stainless steel sheet and strip in coils and is currently classified in the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS): 7219.13.00, 7219.14.00, 7219.32.00, 7219.33.00, 7219.34.00, 7219.35.00, 7219.90.00, 7220.12.10, 7220.12.50, 7220.20.10, 7220.20.60, 7220.20.70, 7220.20.80, 7220.20.90, and 7220.90.00

under section 703(b) and section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in the investigations under sections 705(a) and 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of these investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. 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 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

#### Background

On June 10, 1998, petitions were filed with the Commission and Commerce by counsel for Allegheny Ludlum Corporation; Armco, Inc.; J&L Specialty Steel, Inc.; Washington Steel Division of Bethlehem Steel Corp.; the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO; Butler Armco Independent Union; and Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, Inc., alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized imports of certain stainless steel sheet and strip from France, Italy, and Korea, and LTFV imports from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. Accordingly, effective June 10, 1998, the Commission instituted countervailing duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-380-382 (Preliminary) and antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-797-804 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference 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 June 17, 1998 (63 FR 33092). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 1, 1998, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on July 27, 1998. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3118 (August 1998), entitled "Certain Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, and

the United Kingdom: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-380-382 and 731-TA-797-804 (Preliminary)."

By order of the Commission.

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**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-345]

### Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade in 1998

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 23, 1998.

**ACTION:** Opportunity to submit written statements in connection with the report issued in July 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has prepared and published annual reports on U.S. trade shifts in selected industries/commodity areas under investigation No. 332-345 since 1993. The Commission plans to publish the next report in July 1999, which will cover shifts in U.S. trade in 1998 compared with trade in 1997. The report structure and content is anticipated to be similar to the report issued in July 1998. Comments and suggestions regarding the July 1999 report are welcome in written submissions as specified below. The latest version of the report covering 1997 data (USITC Publication 3120, July 1998) may be obtained from the ITC's Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). A printed report may be requested by contacting the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000 or by fax at 202-205-2104.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the trade shifts report may be directed to the project leader, Cherly Badra Qassis, Office of Industries (202-205-3436) or the assistant project leader, Tracy Quilter, Office of Industries (202-205-3437). For information on the legal aspects, please contact Mr. William Gearhart, Office of General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Ms. Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202)-205-1810).

### Background

The initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the

**Federal Register** of September 8, 1993 (58 FR 47287). The Commission expanded the scope of this investigation to cover service trade in a separate report, which it announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66974). The merchandise trade report has been published in the current series under investigation No. 332-345 annually since September 1993. As in past years, each report will summarize and provide analyses of the major trade developments that occurred in the preceding year, and is expected to be published in July of each year. The reports will also provide summary trade information and basic statistical profiles of nearly 300 industry/commodity groups.

### Written Submissions

No public hearing is planned. However, interested persons are invited to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the July 1999 report. Commercial or financial information which a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be provided on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules and Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on December 30, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Hearings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence

**AGENCY:** Judicial Conference of the United States; Advisory Committee on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence.

**ACTION:** Notice of open hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committees on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure and Rules of Evidence have proposed the following rules:

**Bankruptcy Rules:** *Litigation Package:* 1006, 1007, 1014, 1017, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2014, 2016, 3001, 3006, 3007, 3012, 3013, 3015, 3019, 3020, 4001, 6004, 6006, 6007, 9006, 9013, 9014, 9017, 9021, and 9034; *Other Amendments:* 1007, 1017, 2002, 4003, 4004, and 5003; and *Official Forms:* 1 and 7.

**Civil Rules:** 4, 5, 12, 26, 30, 34, and 37; and Admiralty Rules B, C, and E.

**Evidence Rules:** 103, 404, 701, 702, 703, 803, and 902.

Public hearings will be held on the amendments to: the Bankruptcy Rules in Washington, D.C. on January 28, 1999; the Civil Rules in Baltimore, Maryland on December 7, 1998; in San Francisco, California on January 22, 1999; and in Chicago, Illinois on January 29, 1999; and the Evidence Rules in Washington, D.C. on October 22, 1998; in Dallas, Texas on December 4, 1998; and in San Francisco, California on January 25, 1999.

The Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure submits these rules for public comment. All comments and suggestions with respect to them must be placed in the hands of the Secretary as soon as convenient and, in any event, no later than January 1, 1999 for the Bankruptcy Rules, and no later than February 1, 1999 for the Civil and Evidence Rules.

Anyone interested in testifying should write to Mr. Peter G. McCabe, Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544, at least 30 days before the hearing.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. 20544, telephone (202) 273-1820.