

conditions or business cycle for the Domestic Like Product that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the Subject Merchandise in the Subject Country since the Order Date, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the Domestic Like Product produced in the United States, Subject Merchandise produced in the Subject Country, and such merchandise from other countries.

(11) (OPTIONAL) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the Domestic Like Product and Domestic Industry; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

Authority: This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-124 (Review);
Investigations Nos. 731-TA-546-547
(Review)]

Steel Wire Rope From Japan; Carbon Steel Wire Rope From Korea and Mexico

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of five-year reviews
concerning the antidumping duty orders
on steel wire rope from Japan and
carbon steel wire rope from Korea and
Mexico.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives
notice that it has instituted reviews
pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff
Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the

Act) to determine whether revocation of
the antidumping duty orders on steel
wire rope from Japan and carbon steel
wire rope from Korea and Mexico would
be likely to lead to continuation or
recurrence of material injury. Pursuant
to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested
parties are requested to respond to this
notice by submitting the information
specified below to the Commission; the
deadline for responses is February 23,
1999. Comments on the adequacy of
responses may be filed with the
Commission by March 19, 1999.

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). Recent amendments to the Rules
of Practice and Procedure pertinent to
five-year reviews, including the text of
subpart F of part 207, are published at
63 F.R. 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be
downloaded from the Commission's
World Wide Web site at [http://
www.usitc.gov/rules.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Messer (202-205-3193) or Vera
Libeau (202-205-3176), 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](http://www.usitc.gov)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On October 15, 1973,
the Department of the Treasury issued
an antidumping finding on imports of
steel wire rope from Japan (38 F.R.
28571). On March 25, 1993, the
Department of Commerce issued an
antidumping duty order on imports of
carbon steel wire rope from Mexico (58
F.R. 16173). On March 26, 1993, the
Department of Commerce issued an
antidumping duty order on imports of
carbon steel wire rope from Korea (58
F.R. 16397). The Commission is
conducting reviews to determine
whether revocation of the finding and/
or orders would be likely to lead to
continuation or recurrence of material
injury to the domestic industry within
a reasonably foreseeable time.

Definitions.—The following
definitions apply to these reviews:

(1) Subject Merchandise is the class or
kind of merchandise that is within the
scope of the five-year reviews, as
defined by the Department of
Commerce.

(2) The Subject Countries in these
reviews are Japan, Korea, and Mexico.

(3) The Domestic Like Product is the
domestically produced product or
products which are like, or in the
absence of like, most similar in
characteristics and uses with, the
Subject Merchandise. In its original
determination concerning steel wire
rope from Japan, as subsequently
clarified by the Commission (38 F.R.
27560, October 4, 1973), the
Commission defined the Domestic Like
Product as steel wire rope, except brass
electroplated steel truck tire cord of
cable construction specially packaged
for protection against moisture and
atmosphere. In its original
determinations concerning carbon steel
wire rope from Korea and Mexico, the
Commission defined the Domestic Like
Product as all steel wire rope, whether
made of carbon steel or stainless steel.
One Commissioner defined the
Domestic Like Product differently.

(4) The Domestic Industry is the U.S.
producers as a whole of the Domestic
Like Product, or those producers whose
collective output of the Domestic Like
Product constitutes a major proportion
of the total domestic production of the
product. In its original determination
concerning steel wire rope from Japan,
as subsequently clarified (38 F.R. 27560,
October 4, 1973), the Commission
defined the Domestic Industry as
producers of steel wire rope, except
brass electroplated steel truck tire cord
of cable construction specially packaged
for protection against moisture and
atmosphere. (The Commission stated
that there was no domestic production
of the latter brass tire cord product.) In
its original determinations concerning
carbon steel wire rope from Korea and
Mexico, the Commission defined the
Domestic Industry as producers of all
steel wire rope, whether made of carbon
or stainless steel. One Commissioner
defined the Domestic Industry
differently.

(5) The Order Dates are the dates that
the antidumping duty orders under
review became effective. In the review
concerning steel wire rope from Japan,
the Order Date is October 15, 1973. In
the reviews concerning carbon steel
wire rope from Mexico and Korea, the
Order Dates are March 25, 1993, and
March 26, 1993, respectively.

(6) An Importer is any person or firm
engaged, either directly or through a

parent company or subsidiary, in importing the Subject Merchandise into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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 the reviews as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11(b)(4) of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 APO service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in these reviews available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the reviews, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9), who are parties to the reviews. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Certification.—Pursuant to section 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with these reviews must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In making the certification, the submitter will be deemed to consent, unless otherwise specified, for the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel to use the information provided in any other reviews or investigations of the same or comparable products which the Commission conducts under Title VII of the Act, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3.

Written submissions.—Pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules, each interested party response to this notice must provide the information specified below. The deadline for filing such responses is February 23, 1999. Pursuant to section 207.62(b) of the Commission's rules, eligible parties (as

specified in Commission rule 207.62(b)(1)) may also file comments concerning the adequacy of responses to the notice of institution and whether the Commission should conduct expedited or full reviews. The deadline for filing such comments is March 19, 1999. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of sections 201.8 and 207.3 of the Commission's rules and any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6 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. Also, 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 APO service list as appropriate), and a certificate of service must accompany the document (if you are not a party to the reviews you do not need to serve your response).

Inability to provide requested information.—Pursuant to section 207.61(c) of the Commission's rules, any interested party that cannot furnish the information requested by this notice in the requested form and manner shall notify the Commission at the earliest possible time, provide a full explanation of why it cannot provide the requested information, and indicate alternative forms in which it can provide equivalent information. If an interested party does not provide this notification (or the Commission finds the explanation provided in the notification inadequate) and fails to provide a complete response to this notice, the Commission may take an adverse inference against the party pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act in making its determinations in the reviews.

Information To Be Provided in Response to This Notice of Institution: If you are a domestic producer, union/worker group, or trade/business association; import/export Subject Merchandise from more than one Subject Country; or produce Subject Merchandise in more than one Subject Country, you may file a single response. If you do so, please ensure that your response to each question includes the information requested for each pertinent Subject Country. As used below, the term "firm" includes any related firms.

(1) The name and address of your firm or entity (including World Wide Web address if available) and name, telephone number, fax number, and E-mail address of the certifying official.

(2) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is a U.S. producer of

the Domestic Like Product, a U.S. union or worker group, a U.S. importer of the Subject Merchandise, a foreign producer or exporter of the Subject Merchandise, a U.S. or foreign trade or business association, or another interested party (including an explanation). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, identify the firms in which your workers are employed or which are members of your association.

(3) A statement indicating whether your firm/entity is willing to participate in these reviews by providing information requested by the Commission.

(4) A statement of the likely effects of the revocation of the antidumping duty orders on the Domestic Industry in general and/or your firm/entity specifically. In your response, please discuss the various factors specified in section 752(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1675a(a)) including the likely volume of subject imports, likely price effects of subject imports, and likely impact of imports of Subject Merchandise on the Domestic Industry.

(5) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. producers of the Domestic Like Product. Identify any known related parties and the nature of the relationship as defined in section 771(4)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1677(4)(B)).

(6) A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the Subject Merchandise and producers of the Subject Merchandise in Japan that currently export or have exported Subject Merchandise to the United States or other countries since 1972. A list of all known and currently operating U.S. importers of the Subject Merchandise and producers of the Subject Merchandise in Korea and Mexico that currently export or have exported Subject Merchandise to the United States or other countries since 1992.

(7) If you are a U.S. producer of the Domestic Like Product, provide the following information on your firm's operations on that product during calendar year 1998 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars, f.o.b. plant). If you are a union/worker group or trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms in which your workers are employed/which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. production of the Domestic Like Product accounted for by your firm's(s') production; and

(b) the quantity and value of U.S. commercial shipments of the Domestic Like Product produced in your U.S. plant(s).

(8) If you are a U.S. importer or a trade/business association of U.S. importers of the Subject Merchandise from the Subject Countries, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 1998 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) The quantity and value (landed, duty-paid but not including antidumping or countervailing duties) of U.S. imports and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total U.S. imports of Subject Merchandise from the Subject Countries accounted for by your firm's(s') imports; and

(b) the quantity and value (f.o.b. U.S. port, including antidumping and/or countervailing duties) of U.S. commercial shipments of Subject Merchandise imported from the Subject Countries.

(9) If you are a producer, an exporter, or a trade/business association of producers or exporters of the Subject Merchandise in the Subject Countries, provide the following information on your firm's(s') operations on that product during calendar year 1998 (report quantity data in short tons and value data in thousands of U.S. dollars, landed and duty-paid at the U.S. port but not including antidumping or countervailing duties). If you are a trade/business association, provide the information, on an aggregate basis, for the firms which are members of your association.

(a) Production (quantity) and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total production of Subject Merchandise in the Subject Countries accounted for by your firm's(s') production; and

(b) the quantity and value of your firm's(s') exports to the United States of Subject Merchandise and, if known, an estimate of the percentage of total exports to the United States of Subject Merchandise from the Subject Countries accounted for by your firm's(s') exports.

(10) Identify significant changes, if any, in the supply and demand conditions or business cycle for the Domestic Like Product that have occurred in the United States or in the market for the Subject Merchandise in the Subject Countries since the Order Dates, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply

conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the Domestic Like Product produced in the United States, Subject Merchandise produced in the Subject Countries, and such merchandise from other countries.

(11) (Optional) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the Domestic Like Product and Domestic Industry; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-278-280 and 347-348 (Review)]

Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From Brazil, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Thailand

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of five-year reviews concerning the antidumping duty orders on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Brazil, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Thailand.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty orders on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Brazil, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and Thailand would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested parties are requested

to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission; the deadline for responses is February 23, 1999. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by March 19, 1999.

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). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 F.R. 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer (202-205-3193) or Vera Libeau (202-205-3176), 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 May 21, 1986, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Brazil (51 F.R. 18640). On May 23, 1986, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Korea and Taiwan (51 F.R. 18917). On July 6, 1987, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Japan (52 F.R. 25281). On August 20, 1987, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Thailand (52 F.R. 31440). The Commission is conducting reviews to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Definitions.—The following definitions apply to these reviews:

(1) Subject Merchandise is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the