

available to the general public, identify more fully our customer base, and to evaluate benefits. The user registration form is required to accurately track usage and costs by user sector and geographic location. The form would appear on the USITC EOL Internet site (<http://dockets.usitc.gov>) and would need to be filled out only once. The commission expects to complete the pilot project by March 31, 2003.

Summary of Proposal

- (1) *Number of forms submitted:* One.
- (2) *Title of form:* USITC Electronic Docket Imaging System Pilot Project: "Create New User Account Form".
- (3) *Type of request:* New.
- (4) *Frequency of use:* Single data gathering.
- (5) *Description of respondents:* Government and private sector users of the USITC EOL Web Pilot Project.
- (6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 600.
- (7) *Estimated total number of minutes to complete the forms:* 2.0 minutes.
- (8) Information obtained from the form that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the form and supporting documents may be obtained from Marilyn Abbott (E-mail mabbott@usitc.gov or telephone 202-205-3431). Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, ATTENTION: Docket Librarian. All Comments should be specific, indicate which part of the questionnaire is objectionable, describe the concern in detail, and include specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Donna R. Koehnke, Secretary, Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal (telephone No. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-416]

The Economic Effects on the United States of the EU-South Africa Agreement on Trade, Development, and Cooperation

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on April 12, 2000 from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-416, The Economic Effects on the United States of the EU-South Africa Agreement on Trade, Development, and Cooperation, a report to the President under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained from Walker Pollard (202-205-3228) or Constance Hamilton (202-205-3263), Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

USTR requested that the Commission's report include the following:

- An analysis of the likely impact of the EU-South Africa agreement (EU-SA agreement) on U.S. trade and investment with South Africa.
- An analysis of the potential trade diversionary effects of the EU-SA agreement and other relevant factors affecting U.S. trade with South Africa.
- The percentage of trade in goods covered by the EU-SA agreement and a profile of South Africa's trade and investment patterns.
- A summary of the EU-SA agreement's trade-related provisions including a descriptive summary of the staging provisions of the agreement and a list of all product categories on which

tariffs will not drop to zero by the end of the 12-year implementation period.

- A summary of relevant U.S. business views of the EU-SA agreement.

As requested by the USTR, because the agreement will be implemented in stages, the Commission's economic analysis will look at the impact of the provisions that would be in effect in the first year of the agreement, mid-implementation and full implementation. In addition, because the agreement has implications for the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the Commission's analysis will, as requested, include information on the effects on U.S. trade with the other SACU and SADC members and a discussion of the impact of the agreement on the members of the SACU and SADC in general. The report will contain a review and bibliography of existing academic and other literature relating to this topic.

In addition to descriptive materials related to the agreement and its broad range of potential effects, the Commission will, as requested, conduct a formal quantitative economic analysis based on actual trade and related to economic variables from a recent representative, historical period. This analysis will report on export and import levels and at a sectoral level, to the extent possible, on changes in U.S. trade and investment with South Africa.

The report will include a description of any models or data sets used in the quantitative assessments of the issues. These descriptions will include a discussion of the structure and function of the model and the type and breadth of data. The study will discuss the nature of the limitations and biases in any formal modeling conducted and how such factors may affect reported results, based on economic theory, reviews of any relevant economic literature, and more general descriptive analysis.

The Commission plans to submit its report, The Economic Effects on the United States of the EU-South Africa Agreement on Trade, Development, and Cooperation, by April 12, 2001. The USTR indicated that the report will be classified as confidential.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on September 7, 2000. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard.

Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., August 17, 2000.

Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., August 31, 2000; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., September 21, 2000. In the event that, as of the close of business on August 17, 2000, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1806) after August 17, 2000, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation.

Commercial or financial information that a person desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted 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 of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6).

All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules. 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 parties. 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 September 21, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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>).

List of Subjects

European Union, EU, South Africa, free trade area, FTA, imports, exports, foreign direct investment.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-828 (Final)]

In the Matter of Bulk Aspirin From China; Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Portion of the Hearing In Camera

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing.

SUMMARY: Upon request of domestic producer Rhodia, Inc. ("Petitioner"), the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigation scheduled for May 18, 2000, *in camera*. See Commission rules 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4) (19 CFR §§ 207.24(d), 201.13(m) and 201.36(b)(4)). The remainder of the hearing will be open to the public.

The Commission has determined that the seven-day advance notice of the change to a meeting was not possible. See Commission rule 201.35(a), (c)(1) (19 CFR 201.35(a), (c)(1)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Potuto Kimble, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3116, e-mail tkimble@usitc.gov.

Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission believes that Petitioner has justified the need for a closed session. Petitioner seeks a closed session to allow for a discussion of its financial and operating condition and specific customer accounts. In this investigation, the aggregate data of the domestic industry are business proprietary information (BPI). Because discussion by Petitioner of its own operations and of the domestic industry's data will necessitate disclosure of BPI, it can only

occur if a portion of the hearing is held *in camera*. In making this decision, the Commission nevertheless reaffirms its belief that whenever possible its business should be conducted in public.

The hearing will begin with public presentations by Petitioner with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include a 10-minute *in camera* session for a confidential presentation by the Petitioner (Rhodia) and for questions from the Commission relating to the business proprietary information ("BPI"). For any *in camera* session the room will be cleared of all persons except those who have been granted access to BPI under a Commission administrative protective order (APO) and are included on the Commission's APO service list in this investigation. See 19 CFR 201.35(b)(1), (2). The time for the petitioners' presentation in the *in camera* session will be taken from their respective overall allotment for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the *in camera* portions of the hearing should be prepared to present proper identification.

Authority: The General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 C.F.R. 201.39) that, in her opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Bulk Aspirin from China, Inv. No. 731-TA-828 (Final) may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-825-826 (Final)]

Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From Korea and Taiwan

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, 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 Korea and Taiwan of certain subject polyester staple fiber, other than low-melt fiber, provided for in subheading 5503.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of

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