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Authority: This review is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.69 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR 207.69).

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–433]

Certain Safety Eyewear and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Determination Amending the Complaint and Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has decided not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") initial determination ("ID") granting an unopposed motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to delete references to "claim 18" of U.S. Letters Patent 5,457,505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gracemary Rizzo, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205–3117. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 1, 2000, based on a complaint filed by Bacou USA Safety, Inc. and Uvex Safety Manufacturing, Inc. ("complainants"), both of Smithfield, Rhode Island. The complaint named one respondent, Crews, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee.

Complainants alleged that respondent had violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling within the United States after importation certain safety eyewear and components thereof by reason of (a) infringement of claims 1–5, 8–14, and 16–18 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,457,505 (the '505 patent); (b) the claim of U.S. Letters Patent Des. 322,616; and (c) misappropriation of trade dress, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States.

On May 17, 2000, complainants filed an unopposed motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to delete "claim 18" of the '505 patent. In their motion, complainants stated that the '505 patent has only 17 claims and that references to "claim 18" were due to a typographical error.

On May 18, 2000, the presiding ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 4) granting complainants' motion. The ALJ found that there was good cause for the amendment, and that there was no prejudice to the parties or to the public interest. Accordingly, the complaint and the notice of investigation were amended to delete all references to "claim 18" of the '505 patent.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in section 210.42 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202–205–2000.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 332–350 and 332–351]

Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes; Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Publication of monitoring reports in 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, Timothy McCarty (202–205–3324) or Lowell Grant (202–205–3312), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries, or for information on legal aspects, William Gearhart (202–205–3091), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on these studies by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background

Section 316 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act (NAFTA Implementation Act), 19 U.S.C. 3381, directs the Commission to monitor imports of fresh or chilled tomatoes (HTS heading 0702.00) and fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.00), until January 1, 2009. As a result of such monitoring, the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive perishable agricultural product may request, in a global safeguard petition filed under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 or a bilateral safeguard petition filed under section 302 of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that provisional relief be provided pending completion of a full section 202 or 302 investigation. If provisional relief is requested, the Commission has 21 days in which to make its decision and to transmit any provisional relief recommendation to the President. In response to the monitoring directive, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332–350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes (59 FR 1763) and investigation No. 332–351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers (59 FR 1762).

Although section 316 of the NAFTA Implementation Act does not require that the Commission publish reports on the results of its monitoring activities, the initial notices of investigation for

these studies indicated that the Commission planned to publish reports on the monitoring annually. Subsequently, the Commission has published statistical reports in those years in which it was not conducting an investigation under other statutory authority with respect to such products.

Written Submissions

The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with preparation of the 2000 statistical reports. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the reports. 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 of 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 in accordance with section 201.8 of the Commission's rules at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on June 28, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Room 112-A, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission plans to publish both monitoring reports in September 2000.

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Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Subcommittee on Global Change Research; Draft Report Availability

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of draft report for public comment.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Subcommittee on Global Change Research (SGCR) of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of

the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the availability of the draft version of the National Assessment Synthesis Report for a 60-day public comment period (June 12 through August 11, 2000). The National Assessment's goal is to analyze and evaluate what is known about the potential consequences of climate variability and change for the Nation, in the context of other pressures on the public, the environment, and the Nation's resources. The National Assessment Synthesis Team (NAST) was formed in 1998 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and was charged with, among other responsibilities, integrating key findings from the regional and sectoral analyses, augmented as appropriate with additional analyses and material from the scientific literature. The NAST prepared the report to address questions of importance to stakeholders and the Nation. The draft report is titled *Climate Change Impacts on the United States: The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change*. The report consists of an Overview and a Foundation document that contains 19 chapters detailing and documenting the findings presented in the Overview. A list of chapters making up the draft NAST report is included with this notice. The comments received will be considered by the NAST in the preparation of the final version of its report. Although the report has already undergone extensive peer-review, this is still a draft version of the report and it should not be definitively quoted or cited as it is still undergoing review and is likely to be changed based on comments received. Due to its length and the extensive use of color graphics in parts of the report, the report is available for review primarily over the Worldwide Web. Information about how to access and download copies of the relevant chapters and the Overview report is available at the Web site of the Global Change Research Information Office (GCRIO) at <http://www.gcrio.org/NationalAssessment/>. The Web site also provides information on how to submit comments on the draft. For those who cannot access the report over the Web, one copy is available for public inspection weekdays during normal business hours at the library of the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA. Appointments can be made by calling 703-306-0658.

DATES: Reviewer comments on the draft report of the NAST must be received at the postal or email address indicated below on or before August 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Review comments should be formatted based on the guidelines provided by GCRIO upon notification of how to access the report. Review comments should be submitted via email over the Internet as a Microsoft Word or WordPerfect attachment using a separate file for the Overview report and for each chapter of the Foundation report that is reviewed. Review comments should be emailed to napubcmt@usgcrp.gov. If email submission is not possible, review comments may be submitted via mail to: National Assessment Comments, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20024. When submitting comments by mail, please provide comments both as hardcopy and on a 3.5" DS/HD disk (either Mac or IBM format) as a text file.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

National Assessment Review Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Suite 750, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024; or telephone 202-488-8630, fax at 202-488-8681, or send an email to office@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The 1990 Global Change Research Act (PL 101-606) that established the US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) required the program to conduct periodic assessments that would: Integrate and interpret the findings of USGCRP; analyze trends in global change over the next 25 to 100 years; analyze the effects of global change on the natural environment, agriculture, energy, land and water resources, transportation, human health and welfare, human social systems, and biological diversity; and discuss associated scientific uncertainties. Responsibility for undertaking the assessment was vested in the NSTC.

In 1998, the President's Science Advisor, acting in his capacity as executive secretary of the NSTC, requested that the SGCR conduct the first national assessment of the consequences of global climate change and variability. The SGCR established the NAST, which is a 14-member FACA-chartered committee established on behalf of the SGCR by the NSF. The NAST developed the plan for the Assessment and it was approved by the SGCR and the NSTC. The National Assessment process was designed to be broadly inclusive, drawing on inputs from academia, government, the public and private sectors, and interested citizens through a distributed set of