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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-925 (Final)]

Greenhouse Tomatoes From Canada; Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Portion of the Hearing in Camera

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Closure of a portion of a Commission hearing to the public.

SUMMARY: Upon request of Eurofresh LLC; Village Farms, LLC; Sunblest Management LLC; Sunblest Farms LLC; and Hydroage (collectively "Petitioners"), the Commission has determined to conduct a portion of its hearing in the above-captioned investigation scheduled for February 21, 2002, 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 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: Michael Diehl, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-3095, e-mail mdiehl@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 Petitioners have justified the need for a closed session. Petitioners seek a closed session to allow testimony concerning the reliability of pricing data on the record and the concerning financial data of the Petitioners. Because such discussions will necessitate disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI), they 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 include the usual public presentations by Petitioners and

by respondents, with questions from the Commission. In addition, the hearing will include an *in camera* session for a confidential presentation by Petitioners and a rebuttal presentation by respondents. Questions from the Commission relating to the BPI will follow each of the *in camera* presentations. During the *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 parties' presentations and rebuttals in the *in camera* session will be taken from their respective overall allotments for the hearing. All persons planning to attend the *in camera* portions of the hearing should be prepared to present proper identification.

Authority: On behalf of the General Counsel, the Deputy General Counsel has certified, pursuant to Commission Rule 201.39 (19 CFR 201.39) that, in his opinion, a portion of the Commission's hearing in Greenhouse Tomatoes from Canada, Inv. No. 731-TA-925 (Final) may be closed to the public to prevent the disclosure of BPI.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-439]

U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 2002.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on February 11, 2002, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-439, *U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect*, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Industry-specific information may be obtained from John Davitt, Project Leader (202-205-3407 or jdavitt@usitc.gov) or Chris Johnson,

Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3488 or cjohnson@usitc.gov), Office of Industries, 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). The media should contact Peg O'Laughlin of the Office of External Relations (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

As requested by USTR, the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effects of providing duty-free treatment for imports of products of Singapore on industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers. The analysis will consider each article in chapters 1 through 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for which U.S. tariffs will remain after the United States fully implements its Uruguay Round tariff commitments. The advice will be based on the 2002 Harmonized Tariff System nomenclature and trade data for the year 2000. The USTR requested the Commission to provide the advice in a confidential report, by June 11, 2002, if possible. In his letter to the Commission, the USTR stated that " * * *, the United States and the Republic of Singapore are engaged in negotiations to reach a comprehensive bilateral free trade agreement (FTA). Among other things, the agreement will eliminate tariffs on substantially all trade in goods between the United States and Singapore." He noted that a previous U.S. International Trade Commission report, *U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: Potential Trade and Economic Effects*, Inv. No. 332-422 (January 2001) had served as a useful tool in helping formulate U.S. negotiating positions and in conducting an environmental review of the proposed agreement and that the additional advice he is now requesting will assist them in carrying out tariff negotiations with Singapore.

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 April 25, 2002. 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., April 16, 2002. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 18, 2002; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., May 9, 2002. In the event that, as of the close of business on April 16, 2002, 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 April 16, 2002, 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 submitter 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, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted by interested parties in its report to the USTR. 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 May 9, 2002. 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>). The public record for this investigation

may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

List of Subjects

Singapore, tariffs, and imports.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95), 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information on the State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9037, State Alien Labor Certification Activity Report, should be directed to Dale M. Ziegler, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications,

U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4318, Washington, DC 20210 ((202) 693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Alien labor certification programs administered by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (DOL or Department) require State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) to initially process applications for permanent and temporary labor certifications filed by U.S. employers on behalf of alien workers seeking to be employed in the U.S. SESAs are also responsible for issuing prevailing wage determinations, reviewing employer-provided wage surveys or other source data, conducting housing inspections of facilities offered to migrant and seasonal workers, and conducting and monitoring recruitment activities seeking qualified U.S. workers for the jobs employers are attempting to fill with foreign workers. The SESAs perform these functions under a reimbursable grant that is awarded annually. The information pertaining to these functions is collected on the Form ETA 9037 and will be used by Departmental staff to manage alien labor certification programs in the SESAs. The Department will be able to monitor the number of applications that the State has received, processed, and forwarded to ETA Regional offices, and the number of prevailing wage determinations issued to employers under the permanent and temporary labor certification programs, as well as the H-1B program for nonimmigrant professionals in specialty occupations. The information on workload will be used for formulating budget estimates for both state and Federal workloads, and for monitoring a State's performance against the Grant Statement of Work and Work Plan. Without such information, the budget workload figures will be estimates and the allocation of funding to the SESAs will not reflect the true workload in a State.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the