

BLM Vegetation Treatments EIS, Travel Management Planning and Energy Rights-of-Way and other matters as may reasonably come before the council. A field trip is scheduled for September 15th to view Off-Highway Vehicle issues and vegetation and weed management issues on BLM lands near John Day, Oregon.

The meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Pacific Time) September 16, 2008. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the Council members, please submit a written request to the Vale District Office 10 days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council may be obtained from Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-6218 or e-mail mark_wilkening@blm.gov.

Dated: July 31, 2008.

David R. Henderson,
District Manager.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AGOA-003]

Denim Fabric: Commercial Availability in AGOA Countries During Fiscal Year 2009

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

Determination: Based on the information developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission, pursuant to section 112(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA),¹ determines that (1) denim fabric² produced in beneficiary sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries will be available in commercial quantities during the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 (fiscal year 2009)³ for use by lesser developed beneficiary (LDB) SSA countries in the production of apparel articles receiving U.S. preferential treatment, and (2) the quantity of such denim fabric that will

be so available during fiscal year 2009 is 18,260,400 square meters equivalent.⁴

Background: Section 112(c)(2)(B)(ii) of AGOA requires the Commission, in each year through 2012 after it has made an affirmative determination under section 112(c)(2)(A), to determine whether, during the next fiscal year, the fabric or yarn that is the subject of that affirmative determination will be available in commercial quantities for use by LDB SSA countries in the production of apparel articles receiving U.S. preferential treatment, and if so, the quantity that will be available. In the case of denim fabric, Congress, in section 112(c)(2)(C) of AGOA, deemed denim fabric to be available in commercial quantities in the amount of 30 million square meters equivalent (SMEs) during fiscal year 2007, as if the Commission had made an affirmative determination under section 112(c)(2)(A) of AGOA.

The determinations that the Commission made in this investigation are with respect to whether the subject denim fabric will be available in commercial quantities for such use during fiscal year 2009, and, if so, the quantity that will be so available. This is the second such set of determinations that the Commission has made under section 112(c)(2)(B)(ii) with respect to the subject denim fabric. In September 2007, the Commission, in investigation No. AGOA-001, determined that the subject denim fabric will be available in commercial quantities for such use during fiscal year 2008, and that the quantity that will be available is 21,303,613 SMEs.⁵

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of a public hearing in connection therewith was given by posting a copy of the notice on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>) and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of December 12, 2007 (72 FR 70609). The hearing was held on April 9, 2008, in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4027 (August 2009), entitled *Denim Fabric: Commercial Availability in AGOA Countries During Fiscal Year 2009*.

⁴ Commissioner Dean A. Pinkert determines that the quantity that will be so available during fiscal year 2009 is within a range from 19,054,860 to 20,515,692 SMEs.

⁵ In AGOA-001, Commissioner Dean A. Pinkert determined that the quantity that would be available in fiscal year 2008 was within a range from 21,303,613 to 25,017,171 SMEs.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-458 and 731-TA-1154 (Preliminary)]

Certain Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigation and commencement of preliminary phase countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-458 (Preliminary) under section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China of certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks, provided for in subheadings 7321.90.50, 8418.99.80, and 8516.90.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of the People's Republic of China. The Commission also hereby gives notice of the institution of investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1154 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China of certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks, currently provided for in the subheadings identified above of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 702(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach preliminary determinations in

¹ 19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(2)(B)(ii).

² Denim articles provided for in subheading 5209.42.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule. See section 112(c)(2)(C) of AGOA, 19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(2)(C).

³ Congress defined the term "fiscal year" to mean the period October 1 through September 30.

antidumping and countervailing duty investigations within 45 days, or in this case by September 15, 2008. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by Monday, September 22, 2008.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation 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 and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 31, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joanna Lo (202–205–1888), 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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on July 31, 2008, by Nashville Wire Products Inc., Nashville, TN, SSW Holding Company, Inc., Elizabethtown, KY, the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied-Industrial and Service Workers International Union, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 6, Clinton, IA.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 countervailing duty and antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their

representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on August 21, 2008, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Joanna Lo (202–205–1888) not later than August 18, 2008, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of countervailing or antidumping duties in these investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before August 26, 2008, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of these investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, 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, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002). Even where electronic filing of a document is permitted, certain documents must also be filed in paper form, as specified in II(C) of the

Commission's Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures, 67 FR 68168, 68173 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to these investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–477]

Sub-Saharan Africa: Effects of Infrastructure Conditions on Export Competitiveness, Third Annual Report

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of third annual report and public hearing; change in focus and title of third report; and indication of sub-Saharan African industries that may be covered.

SUMMARY: In response to a supplemental letter dated June 30, 2008, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) covering the third report in this series, the Commission has changed the focus and title of its third report and will examine the effect that conditions of key infrastructure sectors have on the export competitiveness of select sub-Saharan African (SSA) industries. This notice announces the scheduling of the third and final report in this series, the SSA industries that may be covered, and the scheduling of a public hearing. This series of reports was originally requested in a letter from the USTR dated July 26, 2006. In response, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332–477 and delivered its first and second reports on April 3, 2007, and April 3, 2008, respectively, under the investigation title *Sub-Saharan Africa: Factors Affecting Trade Patterns of Selected Industries*.

October 1, 2008: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.