

Register as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) and 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) and 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. 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 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Background

On June 12, 1997, a petition was filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by the Coalition for Fair Atlantic Salmon Trade, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized and LTFV imports of fresh Atlantic salmon from Chile. Accordingly, effective June 12, 1997, the Commission instituted countervailing and antidumping duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-372 and 731-TA-768 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of June 20, 1997 (62 F.R. 33678). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 3, 1997, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on July 28, 1997. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3052 (August 1997), entitled "Fresh Atlantic Salmon from Chile: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-372 and 731-TA-768 (Preliminary)."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 701-TA-373 and Nos. 731-TA-769 through 775 (Preliminary)]

Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan

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 an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-373 (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 Italy of stainless steel wire rod, provided for in subheading 7221.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Italy.

The Commission also gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-769 through 775 (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 Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan of stainless steel wire rod, provided for in subheading 7221.00.00 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) or 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671a(c)(1)(B) or 19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission

must reach preliminary determinations in these investigations in 45 days, or in this case by September 15, 1997. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by September 22, 1997.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations 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), as amended in 61 FR 37818 (July 22, 1996). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Seiger (202-205-3183), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., 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> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on July 30, 1997, by counsel on behalf of Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Dunkirk, NY; Carpenter Technology Corp., Reading, PA; Republic Engineered Steels, Massillon, OH; Talley Metals Technology, Inc., Hartsville, SC; and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC.

Participation in the Investigations and Public Service List

Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the 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 antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation

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 this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on August 21, 1997, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jonathan Seiger (202-205-3183) not later than August 19, 1997, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping or countervailing 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, 1997, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the 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.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the 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.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-345]

Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade in 1997

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1997.

ACTION: Opportunity to submit written statements in connection with the 1998 report.

SUMMARY: The Commission has prepared and published annual reports on U.S. trade shifts in selected industries/commodity areas under Investigation No. 332-345 since 1993. The Commission plans to publish the next report in July 1998, which will cover shifts in U.S. trade in 1997 compared with trade in 1996.

The report structure and content is anticipated to be similar to the report issued in July 1997. Comments and suggestions regarding this issue are welcome in written submissions as specified below. The latest version of the report covering 1996 data (USITC Publication 3051, July 1997) may be obtained from the ITC's Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>). A printed report may be requested by contacting the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000 or by fax at 202-205-2104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the trade shifts report may be directed to the project leader, David Lundy, Office of Industries (202-205-3439) or the assistant project leader, Cheryl Badra Qassis, Office of Industries (202-205-3436). For information on the legal aspects, please contact Mr. William Gearhart, Office of General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Ms. Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (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

The initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the **Federal Register** of September 8, 1993 (58 FR 47287). The Commission expanded the scope of this investigation to cover service trade in a separate report, which it announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66974). The merchandise trade report has been published in the current series under investigation No. 332-345 annually since September 1993. The report, originally entitled "U.S. Trade Shifts in Selected Commodity Areas, 1992 Annual Report," has been changed to "Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade in 1997" to more concisely identify the contents of the report.

As in past years, each report will summarize and provide analyses of the major trade developments that occurred in the preceding year, and is expected to be published in July of each year. The reports will also provide summary trade information and basic statistical profiles of nearly 300 industry/commodity groups.

Written Submissions

No public hearing is planned. However, interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the July 1998 report. 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 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 at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on December 30, 1997. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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