

- Education services;
- Communication services (defined as basic and enhanced telecommunication, audiovisual, and courier services);
- Health care services;
- Professional services (defined as accounting, advertising, and legal services);
- Architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) services;
- Land-based transport services (defined as rail and trucking services);

and

- travel and tourism services.

In addition, the Commission will examine horizontal commitments relevant to the specified industries, such as those regarding investment, and temporary entry and stay of foreign workers. As requested by the USTR, the Commission plans to deliver its report to the USTR by October 15, 1999.

The investigation is the fifth in a series of Commission investigations requested by USTR. In the earlier reports, the Commission examined the commitments scheduled by selected trading partners with respect to all the industries delineated above, with the sole exception of basic telecommunication services. The four previous reports are: General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of the Schedules of Commitments Submitted by Eastern Europe, the European Free Trade Association, and Turkey (investigation No. 332-385, USITC Publication 3127, September 1998); General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of the Schedules of Commitments Submitted by Asia Pacific Trading Partners (investigation No. 332-374, USITC Publication 3053, August 1997); General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of South American Trading Partners' Schedules of Commitments (investigation No. 332-367, USITC Publication 3007, December 1996); and General Agreement on Trade in Services: Examination of Major Trading Partners' Schedules of Commitments (investigation No. 332-358, USITC Publication 2940, December 1995). These publications are available on the ITC Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

#### 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 June 2, 1999. 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., May 17, 1999. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., May 17, 1999. The deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., June 15, 1999. In the event that, as of the close of business on May 17, 1999, 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 to the Commission (202-205-1816) after May 17, 1999, 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 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. 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 4 June 15, 1999. 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 of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 10, 1998.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

Secretary.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-127 (Review)]

### Elemental Sulphur from Canada

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of an expedited five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on elemental sulphur from Canada.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of an expedited review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on elemental sulphur from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. For further information concerning the conduct of this review 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, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 F.R. 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 5, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim McClure (202-205-3191), 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>).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### Background

On November 5, 1998, the Commission determined that both domestic and respondent interested party responses to its notice of institution (63 F.R. 41280, August 3, 1998) of the subject five-year review were inadequate.<sup>1</sup> The Commission

<sup>1</sup> Chairman Bragg and Commissioner Koplman dissenting.

concluded that the domestic interested party group response was inadequate because the sole response by a domestic interested party, although individually adequate, accounted for a low share of domestic sulphur production, and therefore did not represent a sufficient willingness among domestic interested parties to participate in this review and an adequate indication that they will submit information requested throughout the proceeding. We note that recovered sulphur now accounts for most of domestic sulphur production, but that no recovered sulphur producers responded to the notice of institution. The Commission concluded that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate because the sole response by a respondent interested party, although individually adequate, accounted for a low share of subject imports and a low share of foreign production, and therefore did not represent a sufficient willingness among respondent interested parties to participate in this review and an adequate indication that they will submit information requested throughout the proceeding. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. Accordingly, the Commission determined that it would conduct an expedited review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act. A record of the Commissioners' votes and the statement of Chairman Bragg are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

#### Staff Report

A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the review will be placed in the nonpublic record on December 3, 1998, and made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for this review. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

#### Written Submissions

As provided in section 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the review and that have provided adequate responses to the notice of institution,<sup>2</sup> and any party other than an interested party to the review may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should

<sup>2</sup>The Commission has found responses submitted by Freeport-McMoRan Sulphur Inc. and Husky Oil Ltd. to be adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

reach in the review. Comments are due on or before December 8, 1998, and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year review nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the review by December 8, 1998. If comments contain business proprietary information (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.

In accordance with sections 201.16c and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the review must be served on all other parties to the review (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.

#### Determination

The Commission has determined to extend the period of time for making its expedited determination in this review by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(B).

**Authority:** This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 13, 1998.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**

*Secretary.*

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### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-787 (Final)]

#### Extruded Rubber Thread From Indonesia

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of the final phase of an antidumping investigation.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-787 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether 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 less-than-fair-value imports from Indonesia of extruded rubber thread, provided for in subheading 4007.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.<sup>1</sup>

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigation, hearing procedures, 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 C (19 CFR part 207).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 3, 1998.

**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>).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### Background

The final phase of this investigation is being scheduled as a result of an affirmative preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of extruded rubber thread from Indonesia are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigation was requested in a petition filed on March 31, 1998, by North American Rubber Thread Co., Ltd., Fall River, MA.

The petition also alleged 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 Indonesia of extruded rubber thread that were being subsidized by the Government of Indonesia. The Commission made an affirmative preliminary injury determination with regard to those imports. Subsequently, however, Commerce made a negative preliminary determination concerning whether manufacturers, producers, or exporters

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this investigation, Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as "vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inches or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge, in diameter."