

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 701-TA-384 (Preliminary)
and Investigations Nos. 731-TA-806-808
(Preliminary)]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Products From Brazil, Japan, and Russia

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 703(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports from Brazil of certain hot-rolled steel products, provided for in headings 7208, 7210, 7211, 7212, 7225, and 7226 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Brazil.² The Commission also determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of such imports from Brazil, Japan, and Russia that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value.²

Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to § 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling which will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided in § 207.21 of the Commission's rules upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in these investigations under section 703(b) and section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in the investigations

under section 705(a) and section 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 September 30, 1998, a petition was filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, PA; U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corp., Pittsburgh, PA; Ispat Inland Steel, East Chicago, IN; LTV Steel Co., Inc., Cleveland, OH; National Steel Corp., Mishawaka, IN;³ California Steel Industries, Fontana, CA; Gallatin Steel Co., Ghent, KY; Geneva Steel, Vineyard, UT; Gulf States Steel, Inc., Gadsden, AL; IPSCO Steel, Inc., Muscatine, IA; Steel Dynamics, Butler, IN; Weirton Steel Corp., Weirton, WV; Independent Steelworkers Union, Weirton, WV; and the United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, PA, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of subsidized or LTFV imports of certain hot-rolled steel products from Brazil, Japan, and Russia. Sales of such product are allegedly subsidized with respect to Brazil and made at LTFV with respect to Brazil, Japan, and Russia. Accordingly, effective September 30, 1998, the Commission instituted investigation No. 701-TA-384 (Preliminary) and investigations Nos. 731-TA-806-808 (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 October 7, 1998 (63 FR 53926). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on October 21, 1998, 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 November 16, 1998. The views of the

Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3142 (November 1998), entitled Certain Hot-rolled Steel Products from Brazil, Japan, and Russia: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-384 and 731-TA-806-808 (Preliminary).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-111 (Review)]

Roller Chain From Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of a full five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on roller chain from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on roller chain from Japan 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 FR 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 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Baker (202-205-3180), 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>).

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Commissioner Crawford determined that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured.

³ National Steel Corp. is not a petitioner with respect to Japan.