

China and the world, employment, average labor productivity, average labor compensation, and gross domestic product, and (2) changes in U.S. trade, investment, output, and employment at the sectoral level and changes in consumer prices of various affected goods and services. The Commission will also provide a profile of China's trade and investment patterns and will estimate or discuss, to the extent possible, the effect of WTO accession on China's pattern of trade, rate of economic growth, and internal economic reform process.

With regard to Chinese tariff reductions, the Commission will make two assessments: it will consider a 25 percent and a 50 percent across-the-board cut in Chinese tariff rates, with each tariff reduction taken in turn from two sets of base rates from China's 1992 tariff rates and from China's 1996 tariff rates (or the most recent feasible year if 1996 data are not available).

As requested, the Commission will seek to assess changes in U.S. trade, U.S. foreign investment, and the U.S. domestic economy resulting from certain non-tariff aspects of a possible accession agreement. The Commission will provide a quantitative assessment of the following to the extent possible, or a qualitative assessment where either data or methodological limitations preclude quantitative estimates:

1. The elimination of China's WTO-inconsistent licensing, quota, and tendering requirements;

2. A comparison of the current trade situation with China to the institution of tariff rate quotas as part of an accession package on the following agricultural products: corn, cotton, oilseeds, rice, sugar, vegetable oils, wheat, wool, and wool tops;

3. The elimination of China's trade-related investment measures such as export performance requirements, local content, and trade and foreign exchange balancing;

4. Market openings in the following Chinese service sectors: distribution (including Commission agents, wholesaling, retailing, and franchising); financial services (including insurance); telecommunications (including basic and value-added services); tourism and travel; land-based air courier services; business services including professional services, consultancy and advertising; and business services auxiliary to distribution such as rental and leasing of equipment, maintenance and repair, packaging, storage, and warehousing;

5. An analysis of the effect of China's compliance with WTO rules on or affecting transparency, national treatment, judicial review, state trading,

offset, and protection and transfer of technology;

6. The effect of the removal of U.S. quantitative restrictions on textile and apparel imports on all WTO members relative to the inclusion of China, in the context of the U.S. bilateral agreements on textiles and apparel with China; and

7. Any other change in the conditions of trade with China that is a result of accession and likely to materially affect U.S. trade and investment flows.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with this investigation will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 am on February 23, 1999 (and 24th, if needed). All persons will have the right to appear by counsel or in person, to present testimony, and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, on or before noon February 12, 1999. Persons testifying at the hearing are encouraged to file prehearing briefs or statements; the deadline for filing such briefs or statements (a signed original and 14 copies) is noon February 12, 1999. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs or statements is March 9, 1999. Any confidential business information included in such briefs or statements or to be submitted at the hearing must be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). In the event that, as of the close of business on February 12, 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 February 12, 1999, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

U.S. firms and other interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning any of the matters to be addressed in the report. The Commission is especially interested in receiving:

1. Information regarding the likely economic effects of a 25 percent or a 50 percent reduction in current Chinese tariff rates on the interests of specific U.S. firms, industries, investors, consumers, or groups of workers;

2. A list of Chinese non-tariff barriers ranked according to the degree of

concern to the interests of specific U.S. firms, industries, investors, consumers, or groups of workers; and

3. Quantitative estimates (in percentage terms, if possible) of the current economic effects of Chinese non-tariff barriers, and estimates of the potential economic effects on U.S. exports, employment, and investment of reducing or eliminating these non-tariff barriers.

Commercial or financial information that a person 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 for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received not later than March 9, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-68]

Lamb Meat

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Determination that investigation is extraordinarily complicated and rescheduling of vote in injury phase of investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission has determined that investigation No. TA-201-68, Lamb Meat, is "extraordinarily complicated" within the meaning of section 202(b)(2)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b)(2)(B)), and accordingly will make its injury determination in this investigation

before the 150th day of the filing of the petition, as opposed to the 120th day. Having made the determination on January 15, 1999, the Commission met the statutory requirement that it make such determination before the 100th day after the petition was filed. Under the revised schedule, the vote on injury in the investigation will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice. The dates for the hearing in the remedy phase, should this phase be necessary, and for filing prehearing and posthearing briefs and other submissions relating to remedy, are the same as previously announced.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Newkirk (202-205-3190), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Notice of institution of the investigation and scheduling was published in the **Federal Register** of October 23, 1998 (63 FR 56940).

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-386 and 731-TA-812-813 (Preliminary)]

Live Cattle From Canada and Mexico Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of live cattle, provided for in subheading 0102.90.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, with the exception of statistical reporting numbers 0102.90.40.72 and 0102.90.40.74, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Canada, and by imports of live cattle from Canada that are

alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).² The Commission determines that there is no reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or that the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports of live cattle from Mexico that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV.³

Commencement of Final Phase Investigations

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of the investigations on Canada. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling that will be published in the **Federal 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 these 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 these investigations under sections 703(b) and 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of these investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of these 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 November 12, 1998, a petition was filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Foundation ("R-Calf"), Columbus, MT, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Canada of live cattle that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Canada, and imports from Canada and Mexico of live cattle that are alleged to be sold at LTFV. Accordingly, effective November 12, 1998, the Commission instituted countervailing and antidumping

investigations Nos. 701-TA-386 and 731-TA-812-813 (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 November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64277). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on December 2, 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 January 19, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3155 (February 1999), entitled Live Cattle from Canada and Mexico: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-386 and 731-TA-812-813 (Preliminary).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-418]

Certain Rodent Bait Stations and Components Thereof; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 23, 1998, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Bell Laboratories, Inc., 3699 Kinsman Blvd., Madison, Wisconsin 53704. A supplement to the complaint was filed on January 11, 1999. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain rodent bait stations and components thereof by reason of infringement of claims 19 and 22 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,040,327, and claims 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,448,852. The complaint further alleges that there exists an industry in

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

² Commissioners Carol T. Crawford and Thelma J. Askey dissenting.

³ Chairman Lynn M. Bragg dissenting.