

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Sulfanilic Acid from Hungary and Portugal

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jarrod Goldfeder (Hungary) at (202) 482-0189 or S. Anthony Grasso (Portugal) at (202) 482-3853, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 2001).

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On October 26, 2001, the Department published the initiation of the antidumping duty investigations of imports of sulfanilic acid from Hungary and Portugal. See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Sulfanilic Acid from Hungary and Portugal, 66 FR 54214, 54218 (October 26, 2001). The notice of initiation stated that we would make our preliminary determinations for these antidumping duty investigations no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation (i.e., March 7, 2002). On February 15, 2002, pursuant to section 733(c)(1) of the Act, the Department postponed the preliminary determinations of these antidumping duty investigations by 30 days, or until no later than April 8, 2002. See Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Investigations: Sulfanilic Acid from Hungary and Portugal, 67 FR 8525 (February 25, 2002).

For the following reasons, we determine that these cases are extraordinarily complicated by reason of the novelty of the issues presented in

these investigations and the need for additional time to make the preliminary determinations. First, these cases involve certain complex issues, including sales-below-cost allegations in both investigations. Second, the Department needs more time than that allotted under the current schedule to clarify certain information on the record of these investigations in order to make accurate preliminary determinations. Third, due to the late entry of appearance by the petitioner's counsel in the antidumping duty investigation on sulfanilic acid from Hungary, additional time is needed to ensure that the petitioner can participate fully, in particular by obtaining access to the Hungarian respondent's business proprietary information under an administrative protective order. Finally, we are extending the preliminary determinations for both Hungary and Portugal in order to keep both investigations on identical schedules.

For the reasons identified by the Department, we are postponing the preliminary determinations by an additional 20 days, in accordance with section 733(c)(1) of the Act. We will make our preliminary determinations no later than April 26, 2002.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: April 4, 2002

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Closed Meeting of the U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (APAC)**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The APAC will have a closed meeting on April 23, 2002 at the U.S. Department of Commerce to discuss U.S.-made automotive parts sales in Japanese and other Asian markets.

DATES: April 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Reck, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4036, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-1418.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (the "Committee") advises U.S. Government officials on matters relating to the implementation of the Fair Trade in Automotive Parts Act of 1998 (Public

Law 105-261). The Committee: (1) Reports to the Secretary of Commerce on barriers to sales of U.S.-made automotive parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (2) reviews and considers data collected on sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (3) advises the Secretary of Commerce during consultations with other Governments on issues concerning sales of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets; and (4) assists in establishing priorities for the initiative to increase sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories to Japanese markets, and otherwise provide assistance and direction to the Secretary of Commerce in carrying out the intent of that section; and (5) assists the Secretary of Commerce in reporting to Congress by submitting an annual written report to the Secretary on the sale of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets, as well as any other issues with respect to which the Committee provides advice pursuant to its authorizing legislation. At the meeting, committee members will discuss specific trade and sales expansion programs related to automotive parts trade policy between the United States and Japan and other Asian markets.

The Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on March 20, 2002, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the April 23rd meeting of the Committee and of any subcommittee thereof, dealing with privileged or confidential commercial information may be exempt from the provisions of the Act relating to open meeting and public participation therein because these items are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (9)(B). A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Department of Commerce Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Main Commerce.

Dated: March 25, 2002.

Henry Misisco,

Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

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