

with that for the corresponding countervailing-duty investigations on October 16, 1997, in Washington, DC, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

On February 23, 1998, Commerce published notice in the **Federal Register** of the suspension of its antidumping investigation on steel wire rod from Venezuela (63 FR 8948) based on agreements it concluded with this country; however, at the same time Commerce indicated that it was continuing its investigation, pursuant to a request by counsel representing the Venezuelan producer. Accordingly, the Commission determined to continue its investigation.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on March 17, 1998. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3087 (March 1998), entitled "Certain Steel Wire Rod from Canada, Germany, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela: Investigations Nos. 731-TA-763-766 (Final)."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-67]

Wheat Gluten

Determination

On the basis of the information in the investigation, the Commission unanimously—

(1) determines, pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, that wheat gluten¹ is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article; and

(2) makes negative findings, pursuant to section 311(a) of the North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act, with respect to

imports of wheat gluten from Canada and Mexico.

Findings and Recommendations With Respect to Remedy

The Commission unanimously—

(1) Recommends that the President impose a quantitative restriction, for a 4-year period, on imports of wheat gluten that are the subject of this investigation, in the amount of 126 million pounds in the first year, to be increased by 6 percent each subsequent year that the action is in effect;

(2) Recommends that, within the overall quantitative restriction, the President allocate separate quantitative restrictions for the European Union, Australia, and "all other" non-excluded countries, taking into account the disproportional growth and impact of imports of wheat gluten from the European Union;

(3) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of wheat gluten from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, recommends that such imports be excluded from the quantitative restriction;

(4) Recommends that this import relief action not apply to any imports of wheat gluten from Israel, or to any imports of wheat gluten entered duty free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act or the Andean Trade Preference Act; and

(5) Recommends that the President undertake international negotiations to address the underlying cause of the increase in imports of wheat gluten or otherwise to alleviate the injury to the domestic industry.

The Commission finds that this remedy will address the serious injury that it has found to exist and will be the most effective in facilitating the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

Background

Following receipt of a petition filed on September 19, 1997, on behalf of the Wheat Gluten Industry Council, the Commission, effective September 19, 1997, instituted investigation No. TA-201-67, Wheat Gluten, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether wheat gluten is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings 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 1, 1997 (62 FR 51488). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on December 16, 1997, and the hearing on the question of remedy was held on February 10, 1998. Both hearings were held in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the President on March 18, 1998. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3088 (March 1998), entitled "Wheat Gluten: Investigation No. TA-201-67."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1998 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of grants to support the purchase of equipment and technology, and the procurement of support services under COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective ("COPS MORE 98"). Eligible applicants under COPS MORE 98 are those state, local and other public law enforcement agencies, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia that employ career law enforcement officers.

DATES: COPS MORE 98 Application Kits will be available after April 13, 1998. The COPS Office will accept applications for COPS MORE 98 from April 13 through May 29, 1998. Large jurisdictions (those serving populations greater than 150,000) are strongly encouraged to apply by May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: COPS MORE 98 Application Kits will be mailed to all

¹ The imported article covered by this investigation is wheat gluten, the natural protein portion of wheat that is extracted after wheat is milled into flour. Wheat gluten is provided for in subheadings 1109.00.10 and 1109.00.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

eligible agencies or may be obtained by writing to COPS MORE 98, The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, 6th Floor, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, DC, 20530, or by calling the Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1460 or 1-800-421-6770, or the full application kit is also available on the COPS Office web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>. Completed application kits should be sent to COPS MORE 98, 3rd Floor, COPS Office, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of Justice Crime Bill Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. COPS MORE 98 is designed to expand the time available for community policing by current law enforcement officers, rather than fund the hiring or rehiring of additional law enforcement officers.

COPS MORE 98 permits eligible agencies to seek funding for the purchase of equipment and technology, and the procurement of support resources (including civilian personnel). As a result of this funding, the number of officers redeployed by agencies in community policing must be equal to or greater than the number of officers that would result from grants of the same amount for hiring new officers. Application Kits will be available after April 13, 1998. Completed Applications Kits must be received by the COPS Office by May 29, 1998.

Applicants must provide a thorough explanation of how the proposed redeployment funds will actually result in the required increase in the number of officers deployed in community policing. Additionally, the applicant must specify within the COPS MORE 98 Application a plan for continuing the proposed activity following the conclusion of COPS MORE 98 funding. Technical assistance with the development of community policing plans will be provided to jurisdictions in need of such assistance. Grants will be made for up to 75 percent of the cost of the equipment, technology, or civilian salaries for one year, with the remainder to be paid by state or local funds. Waivers of the non-federal share

will be considered upon a showing of severe fiscal distress. COPS redeployment funds may not be used to replace funds that eligible agencies otherwise would have devoted to equipment, technology, or civilian hiring.

COPS funding must be allocated based on a formula previously established by Congress.

An award under COPS MORE 98 will not affect the eligibility of an agency's application for a grant under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Order Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent order in *In the Matters of Hanlin Group, Inc., et al.*, Case Nos. 91-33872-91-33875 (SAS) (Bkcy. D. N.J.), was lodged on March 12, 1998, with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey. The proposed consent order would settle a claim asserted in this Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding by the United States on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency relating to reimbursement of post-petition administrative expenses in environmental response costs that have been or will be expended by EPA at three facilities owned and/or operated by debtors under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The three facilities are the Moundsville, West Virginia plant, owned by the Hanlin Chemicals West Virginia, Inc. subsidiary of the Hanlin Group, Inc., and the Linden, New Jersey and Brunswick, Georgia plants, owned by the LCP Chemicals Division of the Hanlin Group, Inc. The United States asserted a claim for approximately \$50-\$60 million for future costs of remediating the Moundsville facility, approximately \$11-14 million for future costs of remediating the Linden facility, and approximately \$4.2 million in past costs incurred with respect to response activities at the Brunswick facility.

Under the terms of the proposed consent order, (1) with respect to the

Moundsville facility, where AlliedSignal, Inc. is performing removal activities and has assumed the debtors' environmental obligations under an April 1994 agreement, Allied-Signal, Inc. expressly agrees that resolution of the United States' claim against the debtors does not affect or in any way diminish the cleanup obligations that AlliedSignal, Inc. has undertaken; (2) with respect to the Linden facility, the United States will receive an allowed first-tier administrative expense claim for the \$106,000 in costs that EPA has incurred with respect to that facility, a subordinated (second-tier) claim of \$5.5 million that would be paid only after payment to all allowed first-tier administrative claimants, and a supersubordinated (third-tier) administrative claim of \$5.5 million that would be paid only after payment to all other allowed administrative claimants; (3) with respect to the Brunswick facility, the United States will receive an allowed first-tier administrative expense claim for the \$1 million, a subordinated (second-tier) claim of \$500,000 that would be paid only after payment to all allowed first-tier administrative claimants, and a supersubordinated (third-tier) administrative claim of \$2.7 million that would be paid only after payment to all other allowed administrative claimants. All payments to the United States under the proposed consent order will be paid to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent order. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *In the Matters of Hanlin Group, Inc., et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-7-1-593A.

The proposed consent order may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, 402 East State Street, Rm. 502, Trenton, NJ 08608; the Region II, III, and IV Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency, located at 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866 (Region II), 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (Region III), 100 Alabama Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104 (Region IV). and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent order may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th