

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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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).