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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 8, 1999, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution (64 FR 365, Jan. 4, 1999) of the subject five-year review was adequate¹ and that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review.² Accordingly, the Commission determined³ that it would conduct an expedited review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act.

Staff Report

A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the review will be placed in the nonpublic record on May 20, 1999, and made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for this review. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Written submissions.

As provided in § 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the review and that have provided individually adequate responses to the notice of institution,⁴ and any party other than an interested party to the review may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should reach in the review. Comments are due on or before May 25, 1999, and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to the five-year review nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the review by May 25, 1999. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of §§ 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize

filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the review must be served on all other parties to the review (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Determination

The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority: This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

Issued: April 14, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Certain Steel Wire Rope From Japan, Korea, and Mexico¹

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five-year reviews concerning the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rope from Japan and carbon steel wire rope from Korea and Mexico.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it will proceed with full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rope from Japan and carbon steel wire rope from Korea and Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. A schedule for the reviews will be established and announced at a later date.

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 F.R. 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: April 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Deyman (202-205-3197), 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 8, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act. The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products. See 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 FR 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

With regard to carbon steel wire rope from Korea, the Commission found that both the domestic interested party group response and the respondent interested party group response to its notice of institution² were adequate and voted to conduct a full review.³

With regard to steel wire rope from Japan and carbon steel wire rope from Mexico, the Commission found that the domestic interested party group response was adequate and the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate. The Commission also found that other circumstances warranted conducting full reviews.⁴

A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be

² The notice of institution for all of the subject reviews was published in the **Federal Register** on Jan. 4, 1999 (64 FR 367).

³ Commissioner Crawford dissenting with respect to the adequacy of the domestic interested party group response and with respect to conducting a full review.

⁴ Commissioner Crawford dissenting with respect to the adequacy of the domestic interested party group response and with respect to finding other circumstances that warranted conducting a full review.

¹ Commissioner Crawford dissenting.

² Commissioners Hillman and Koplan dissenting. A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

³ Commissioners Hillman and Koplan dissenting.

⁴ The Commission has found responses submitted by Woodbridge Candles, Inc. and the National Candle Association to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

¹ The investigation numbers are as follows: Japan is AA1921-124 (Review), Korea is 731-TA-546 (Review), and Mexico is 731-TA-547 (Review).

available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-405]

Probable Economic Effects of the Reduction or Elimination of U.S. Tariffs

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 13, 1999.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on March 15, 1999, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-405, Probable Economic Effects of the Reduction or Elimination of U.S. Tariffs, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

As requested by USTR, the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effects on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers, of modifying tariffs under three scenarios, as follows:

1. The effects resulting from changes in the levels of dutiable imports from all U.S. trading partners if all tariffs were reduced by at least 50 percent, with tariffs of 5 percent ad valorem or less reduced to free;

2. The effects resulting from changes in the levels of dutiable imports from all U.S. trading partners if tariffs were eliminated; and

3. The effects resulting from tariff elimination on dutiable imports from Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) trading partners alone.

The request covers each article for which tariffs will remain after full implementation of the staged duty reductions resulting from the Uruguay Round or subsequent World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements (e.g., the Information Technology Agreement). The USTR requested the Commission to provide the advice in a confidential report by November 17, 1999.

In her letter, the USTR noted that "[T]his request by no means implies that we intend to take action on these tariff measures. It merely indicates our interest in obtaining factual advice from the Commission on the probable economic effects of their reduction or elimination."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Industry-specific information may be obtained from Robert Wallace, Project Leader (202-205-3458) or James Lukes, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3426), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In her letter to the Commission, the USTR stated that a new round of multilateral negotiations will be launched at the WTO's Third Ministerial Conference. The letter noted that the WTO Agreements mandate further negotiations on agriculture and that many WTO members are advocating new negotiations on industrial tariffs. The letter also noted that, within our hemisphere, President Clinton and other leaders at the Miami and Santiago Summits of the Americas have called for the completion of an FTAA no later than the year 2005, and that agricultural and industrial tariffs will be one area addressed in the FTAA negotiations.

The Commission will provide the probable economic effects advice at an 8-digit subheading level of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). There are a total of 6,424 current HTS subheadings for which tariffs will remain after full implementation of the staged duty reductions resulting from the Uruguay Round or subsequent WTO agreements. A list of these HTS subheadings is available on the Commission's Internet site at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>. A printed copy of the list is also available for inspection in the docket section of the Secretary's office.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on June 15, 1999, and continuing on June 16 if necessary. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person,

to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., June 1, 1999. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., June 3, 1999; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., August 10, 1999. To allow sufficient time for full consideration, the Commission encourages all persons who appear at the public hearing to submit any prepared statements and accompanying material to the Secretary by 5:15 p.m., June 10, 1999. In the event that, as of the close of business on June 1, 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 of the Commission (202-205-1806) after June 1, 1999, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter 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 § 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 in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on August 10, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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