

days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Staff report.—The prehearing staff report in the final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on July 3, 2002, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.22 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 18, 2002, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before July 8, 2002. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference (if necessary) to be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 10, 2002, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is July 11, 2002. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is July 25, 2002; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations on or before July 25, 2002. On August 19,

2002, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before August 21, 2002, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. Parties may submit additional final comments pertaining to investigations in which Commerce has extended its final determinations on or before October 11, 2002. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 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 sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-932 (Final)]

Certain Folding Metal Tables and Chairs From China

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of certain folding metal chairs, provided

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

for in subheadings 9401.71.00 and 9401.79.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The Commission further determines that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of certain folding metal tables, provided for in HTS subheading 9403.20.00, that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV. The Commission further determines that critical circumstances do not exist with regard to imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China that are subject to Commerce's affirmative critical circumstances finding.²

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective April 27, 2001, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Mecor Corp., Greeneville, TN. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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 January 8, 2002 (67 FR 916). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on April 23, 2002, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on June 3, 2002. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3515 (June 2002), entitled *Certain Folding Metal Tables and Chairs from China: Investigation No. 731-TA-932 (Final)*.

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² Commissioner Lynn M. Bragg found that critical circumstances exist with regard to imports of certain folding metal tables and chairs from China that are subject to Commerce's affirmative critical circumstances finding.