UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20436

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-456 and 731-TA-1151-1152 (Preliminary)

CITRIC ACID AND CERTAIN CITRATE SALTS FROM CANADA AND CHINA

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §§ 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured² by reason of imports from Canada and China of citric acid and certain citrate salts, provided for in subheading 2918.14.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV) and subsidized by the Government of China.

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission's rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

BACKGROUND

On April 14, 2008, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by Archer Daniels Midland Co., Decatur, IL; Cargill, Inc., Wayzata, MN; and Tate & Lyle Americas, Inc., Decatur, IL, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of citric acid and certain citrate salts from Canada and China that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the Government of China. Accordingly, effective April 14, 2008, the Commission instituted antidumping and countervailing duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-456 and 731-TA-1151-1152 (Preliminary).

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

² Chairman Daniel R. Pearson and Commissioners Charlotte R. Lane and Dean A. Pinkert determined that there is no reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports from Canada and China of citric acid and certain citrate salts.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference 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 April 22, 2008 (73 FR 21650). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on May 7, 2008, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on May 29, 2008. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4008 (June 2008), entitled *Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Canada and China: Investigation Nos.* 701-TA-456 and 731-TA-1151-1152 (Preliminary).

By order of the Commission.

/s/ Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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