

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-1310-PB]

Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 5-6, 2004, at the Anchorage Federal Office Building, located at 7th and C Street, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 1 p.m. February 5.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3322 or e-mail tmcphers@ak.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Status of land use planning in Alaska
- National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) integrated activity plans
- Accelerated land transfer program
- Election of officers
- Other topics the Council may raise

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Dated: December 23, 2003.

Peter J. Ditton,

Acting State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-421-4]

Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings From China

Determination

On the basis of information developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 421(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974,¹ that certain ductile iron waterworks fittings² from the People's Republic of China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products (68 FR 69421, December 12, 2003).

Recommendations on Proposed Remedies

Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun, Commissioner Stephen Koplan, Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane, and Commissioner Daniel R. Pearson propose that the President impose a tariff-rate quota on imports of the subject ductile iron waterworks fittings from China as follows: in the first year, a tariff of 50 percent *ad valorem*, in addition to the current rate of duty, on imports over 14,324 short tons; in the second year, a tariff of 40 percent *ad valorem*, in addition to the current rate of duty, on imports that exceed 15,398 short tons; and in the third year of relief, a tariff of 30 percent *ad valorem* on imports that exceed 16,553 short tons. They further recommend that, if applications are filed, the President direct the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor to provide expedited consideration of trade adjustment assistance for firms and/or workers affected by the subject imports.

Vice Chairman Jennifer A. Hillman proposes that the President impose a quota, for a three-year period, on imports of the subject ductile iron waterworks fittings from China as follows: 14,324 short tons in the first year of relief, 15,398 short tons in the second year of relief, and 16,553 short tons in the third year of relief.

¹ 19 U.S.C. 2451(b)(1).

² The products subject to this investigation are cast pipe or tube fittings of ductile iron (containing 2.5 percent carbon and over 0.02 percent magnesium or magnesium and cerium, by weight) with mechanical, push-on (rubber compression) or flanged joints attached. Included within this definition are fittings of all nominal diameters and of both full-bodied and compact designs. The imported products are provided for in statistical reporting number 7307.19.3070 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

Commissioner Marcia E. Miller proposes that the President impose a duty, in addition to the current rate of duty, for a three-year period, on imports of the subject ductile iron waterworks fittings from China as follows: 50 percent *ad valorem* in the first year of relief, 40 percent *ad valorem* in the second year of relief, and 30 percent *ad valorem* in the third year of relief.

Background

Following receipt of a petition, on September 5, 2003, on behalf of McWane, Inc.,³ Birmingham, AL, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-421-4, *Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China*, under section 421(b) of the Act to determine whether certain ductile iron waterworks fittings from China are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. The petition also alleged under section 421(i)(1)(A) of the Act, that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the subject product from China, and on October 20, 2003, the Commission made a negative determination^{4,5} with respect to whether delay in taking action under this section would cause damage to the relevant domestic industry which would be difficult to repair (68 FR 61013, October 24, 2003).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting a copy of the notice on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>) and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of September 15, 2003 (68 FR 54010). The hearing was held on November 6, 2003 in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3657 (December 2003), entitled *Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China: Investigation No. TA-421-4*.

Issued: December 24, 2003.

³ McWane operates three subsidiaries that produce the subject products including: Clow Water Systems Co., Coshocton, OH; Tyler Pipe Co., Tyler, TX; and Union Foundry Co., Anniston, AL.

⁴ Commissioner Lane made an affirmative critical circumstances determination.

⁵ Commissioner Pearson did not participate in the critical circumstances determination.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-167 (Review)]

Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape From Italy

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of a five-year review concerning the antidumping finding on pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted a review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping finding on pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission;¹ to be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is February 23, 2004. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by March 16, 2004. 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).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Messer (202-205-3193), 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

¹ No response to this request for information is required if a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) number is not displayed; the OMB number is 3117-0016/USITC No. 04-5-078, expiration date June 30, 2005. Public reporting burden for the request is estimated to average 7 hours per response. Please send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

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>). The public record for this review may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://www.edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. On October 21, 1977, the Department of the Treasury issued an antidumping finding on imports of pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy (42 FR 56110). Following five-year reviews by Commerce and the Commission, effective February 17, 1999, Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty order on imports of pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy (64 FR 51515, September 23, 1999). The Commission is now conducting a second review to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time. It will assess the adequacy of interested party responses to this notice of institution to determine whether to conduct a full review or an expedited review. The Commission's determination in any expedited review will be based on the facts available, which may include information provided in response to this notice.

Definitions. The following definitions apply to this review:

(1) Subject Merchandise is the class or kind of merchandise that is within the scope of the five-year review, as defined by the Department of Commerce.

(2) The Subject Country in this review is Italy.

(3) The Domestic Like Product is the domestically produced product or products which are like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses with, the Subject Merchandise. In its expedited five-year review determination, the Commission found that the appropriate definition of the Domestic Like Product was the same as Commerce's scope: Pressure sensitive plastic tape measuring over 1³/₈ inches in width and not exceeding 4 mils in thickness. The Commission did not make a like product determination per se in its original determination.

(4) The Domestic Industry is the U.S. producers as a whole of the Domestic Like Product, or those producers whose collective output of the Domestic Like Product constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of the

product. In its original determination and its expedited five-year review determination, the Commission defined the Domestic Industry as all producers of pressure sensitive plastic tape.

(5) The Order Date is the date that the antidumping duty order or finding under review became effective. In this review, the Order Date is October 21, 1977.

(6) An Importer is any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing the Subject Merchandise into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

Participation in the review and public service list. Persons, including industrial users of the Subject Merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the review as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11(b)(4) of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the review.

Former Commission employees who are seeking to appear in Commission five-year reviews are reminded that they are required, pursuant to 19 CFR 201.15, to seek Commission approval if the matter in which they are seeking to appear was pending in any manner or form during their Commission employment. Former employees may seek informal advice from Commission ethics officials concerning their eligibility to appear in five-year reviews. However, any informal consultation will not relieve former employees of the obligation to seek approval to appear from the Commission under its rule 201.15. For ethics advice, contact Carol McCue Verratti, Deputy Agency Ethics Official, at 202-205-3088.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and APO service list. Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI submitted in this review available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the review, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the review. A separate service list will be maintained