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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of 1992 and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans, dated April 30, 1993. In September 1996, Reclamation revised the document and renamed it to Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria).

James Irrigation District has developed a water management plan which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of the Criteria.

The 1996 Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and public review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all water management plans developed by Central Valley Project contractors. The Criteria were developed and the plans have been evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use reasonably achievable by all MP Region contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination of the adequacy of each contractor's water management plan in the **Federal Register** to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations.

DATES: All public comments must be received by October 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Lucille Billingsley, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-410, Sacramento CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any

subsequent information, please contact Lucille Billingsley at the address above, or by telephone at (916) 978-5215 (TDD 978-5608).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provision of Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 Public Law 102-575), "The Secretary [of the Interior] shall establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982." Also, according to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria will be developed "* * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices".

The Criteria states that all parties (districts) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts over 2,000 irrigable acre-feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) will prepare water management plans which will be evaluated by Reclamation based on the following required information detailed in the steps listed below to develop, implement, monitor, and update their water management plans. The steps are:

1. Describe the district.
2. Inventory water resources available to the District.
3. Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Agricultural Contractors.
4. BMP's for Urban Contractors.
5. Exemption Process.

Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (i.e., draft) determinations of James Irrigation's water management plan is invited at this time. A copy of the plan will be available for review at Reclamation's MP Regional Office located in Sacramento, California, and MP's South-Central California Area Office located in Fresno, California. If you wish to review a copy of the plan, please contact Ms. Billingsley to find the office nearest you.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Robert F. Stackhouse,

Regional Resources Manager, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Preliminary)]

Certain Ammonium Nitrate From Russia

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Russia of solid fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate (as defined by the Department of Commerce (Commerce)), provided for in subheading 3102.30.00 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).

Commencement of Final Phase Investigation

Pursuant to § 207.18 of the Commission's rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigation. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling which will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided in § 207.21 of the Commission's rules upon notice from Commerce of an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in that investigation under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigation need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. 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 investigation.

Background

On July 23, 1999, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by the ad hoc Committee for Fair Ammonium Nitrate Trade (COFANT)

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

(consisting of Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA; Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, MS; El Dorado Chemical Co., Oklahoma City, OK; Nitram, Inc., Tampa, FL; LaRoche Industries, Inc., Atlanta, GA; and Wil-Gro Fertilizer, Inc., Celina, TX), alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of the subject ammonium nitrate from Russia. Accordingly, effective July 23, 1999, the Commission instituted antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation 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 August 2, 1999 (64 FR 41948). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on August 13, 1999, and 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 Secretary of Commerce on September 7, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3232 (September 1999), entitled "Certain Ammonium Nitrate from Russia: Investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Preliminary)."

By order of the Commission.

Issued: September 8, 1999.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-387-391 (Final) and 731-TA-816-821 (Final)]

Certain Cut-to-Length Steel Plate From France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty investigations Nos. 701-TA-387-391 (Final) under section 705(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)) (the Act) and the final phase of antidumping

investigations Nos. 731-TA-816-821 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of subsidized imports from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and Korea and less-than-fair-value imports from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea of certain cut-to-length steel plate, provided for in headings 7208, 7210, 7211, 7212, 7225, and 7226 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, 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 and C (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23 (CVD) and July 26 (AD), 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark (202-205-3195), 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:

Background.—The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by the Department of Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of section 703 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b) are being provided to manufacturers, producers, or exporters in France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and Korea of certain cut-to-length steel plate, and that such products from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in a petition filed on February 16, 1999, by Bethlehem Steel Corp. (Bethlehem, PA); U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corp. (Pittsburgh, PA); Gulf States Steel, Inc. (Gadsden, AL); IPSCO Steel, Inc. (Muscatine, IA); Tuscaloosa

Steel Co. (Tuscaloosa, AL); and the United Steelworkers of America (Pittsburgh, PA).¹

Participation in the investigations 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 final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to § 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 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 December 1, 1999, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 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 December 14, 1999, 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 December 7, 1999. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's

¹ Gulf States Steel, Inc., is not a petitioner with respect to France. Tuscaloosa Steel Co. is not a petitioner with respect to France and Italy.