INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–539]

U.S.–Korea Free Trade Agreement: Effects on U.S. Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises; Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing


ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.


DATES:

February 27, 2013: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.

March 1, 2013: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

March 14, 2013: Public hearing.

March 20, 2013: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.

March 25, 2013: Deadline for filing all other written submissions.

May 1, 2013: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information specific to this investigation, contact Project Leader Brian Allen (202) 205–3034 or brian.allen@usitc.gov or Deputy Project Leader Kyle Johnson (202) 205–3229 or kyle.johnson@usitc.gov for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202) 205–3091. The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–3229 or margaret.oloughlin@usitc.gov).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–288]

Ethyl Alcohol for Fuel Use: Determination of the Base Quantity of Imports


ACTION: Termination of investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission terminated the investigation following the expiration of the statutory requirement that the Commission make such determinations. Section 423(c) of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (“the Act”), as amended (19 U.S.C. 2703 note), required the United States International Trade Commission to determine annually the amount [expressed in gallons] that is equal to 7 percent of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol during the 12-month period ending on the preceding September 30. This determination was to be used to establish the “base quantity” of imports of fuel ethyl alcohol, and the Commission transmitted it determinations to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for its use in the further administration of the law. Section 423(g)(1)(B) of the Act, as amended, states that the effective period of the provisions in section 423 (other than subsection (o)) shall apply to articles entered before the expiration of the effective period of Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States heading 9901.00.50. The effective period of this heading expired December 31, 2011.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information specific to this investigation, contact project leader Douglas Newman (202) 205–3328, douglas.newman@usitc.gov, in the Commission’s Office of Industries. For information on legal aspects of the investigation contact William Gearhart, william.gearhart@usitc.gov, of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel at (202) 205–3091. The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.oloughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Web site (http://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background

The Commission published its notice instituting this investigation in the Federal Register on March 21, 1990 (55 FR10512), and published its most recent previous determination for the 2012 amount in the Federal Register on December 30, 2011 (76 FR 82320).

By order of the Commission.


Lisa R. Barton,
Acts Secretary to the Commission.

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Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission’s rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission’s rules, each document filed by a party to the review must be served on all other parties to the reviews (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 reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission’s rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 6, 2013.

Lisa R. Barton
Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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Background: As requested, the Commission will conduct an investigation and prepare a report containing information on the impact of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement on U.S. small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) since entry into force of the agreement on March 15, 2012. The Commission, to the extent practicable, will provide a report discussing the effects of the agreement on the production, distribution, and export strategy of U.S. SMEs, as identified by those SMEs, and describing how U.S. SMEs have benefited from specific provisions of the agreement, as well as challenges that U.S. SMEs may have faced in exporting to Korea. Such provisions may include but are not limited to those related to trade in goods and services or to intellectual property. The report will be based on available information, including information furnished by SMEs and interested parties. The U.S. SME sectors examined may include some or all of the business sectors listed in the three prior Commission reports on SMEs released in 2010, or other appropriate business sectors as information is available.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with this 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 March 14, 2013. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, no later than 5:15 p.m., February 27, 2013, in accordance with the requirements in the “Submissions” section below. All pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 1, 2013; and all post-hearing briefs and statements should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 20, 2013. In the event that, as of the close of business on February 27, 2013, 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 nonparticipant should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000, February 27, 2013, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and should be received not later than 5:15 p.m., March 25, 2013. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 and the Commission’s Handbook on Filing Procedures require that interested parties file documents electronically on or before the filing deadline and submit eight (8) true paper copies by 12:00 p.m. eastern time on the next business day. In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, interested parties must file, at the same time as the eight paper copies, at least four (4) additional true paper copies in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information (CBI) must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the “confidential” or “non-confidential” version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties. In its request letter, the USTR stated that it intends to make the Commission’s report available to the public in its entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any confidential business information or national security classified information in the report that the Commission sends to the USTR. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing this report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton,
Acting Secretary to the Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Sematech, Inc. d/b/a International Sematech

Notice is hereby given that, on January 16, 2013, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), Sematech, Inc. d/b/a International Sematech (“SEMATECH”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Lintec Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; and Cabot Corporation, Boston, MA, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Sematech intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 22, 1988, Sematech filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 19, 1988 (53 FR 17987).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 19, 2012. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 4, 2012 (77 FR 71830).

Patricia A. Brink,
Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Notice is hereby given that, on January 15, 2013, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), U.S. Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium, Inc. (“USPVMC”) has filed