

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynda Kastoll, Realty Specialist, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 337-4421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lease is intended to authorize existing improvements. The lease granted under this provision would be assignable and renewable in the same manner as other Part 2920 leases, subject to BLM approval, and other relevant provisions of Part 2920. No new development or surface disturbing activities except maintenance of improvements now in place shall be allowed without prior written approval from the BLM authorized officer. The subject of the lease is a narrow strip of land approximately 24 feet wide and 1,386 feet long, containing .76 acre, generally described as follows:

T. 17 S., R. 7 E., San Bernardino Meridian
Sec. 10, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

as shown on the dependent resurvey of February 23, 1990.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

Elayn Briggs,
Acting Field Manager.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-A (Review) and 731-TA-157 (Review)]

Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of full five-year reviews concerning the suspended countervailing duty investigation and the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation or revocation of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews 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). Recent amendments to the rules of practice and procedure pertinent to five-

year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 FR 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sioban Maguire (202-708-4721), 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

On February 4, 1999, the Commission determined that responses to its notice of institution of the subject five-year reviews were such that full reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Act should proceed (64 FR 8120, February 18, 1999). A record of the Commissioners' votes and the Commission's statement on adequacy are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

Participation in the Reviews 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 these reviews as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in § 201.11 of the Commission's rules, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the reviews need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the reviews.

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 these reviews

available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the reviews, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice.

Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the reviews. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the reviews 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 reviews will be placed in the nonpublic record on July 14, 1999, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to § 207.64 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing

The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the reviews beginning at 9:30 a.m. on August 3, 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 July 26, 1999. 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 to be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 29, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by §§ 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), 207.24, and 207.66 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 to the reviews may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of § 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is July 23, 1999. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in § 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of § 207.67 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is August 12, 1999; 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 reviews may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the reviews on or before August 12, 1999. On September 24, 1999, 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 September 29, 1999, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with § 207.68 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of §§ 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 §§ 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews 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.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-388]

Simplification of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Release of proposed schedule for public comment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements (O/TA&TA) (202-205-2592), or staff members listed below. The O/TA&TA fax number is 202-205-2616. Mr.

Rosengarden may also be reached via Internet e-mail at rosengarden@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Media representatives should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). This notice, and any subsequent notices published pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, may be obtained from the ITC Internet web server: <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 1997, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-388, Simplification of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS); subsequently, on February 25, 1998, the Commission issued a revised schedule for the subject investigation. That revised schedule calls for the publication of draft HTS chapters for public comment on April 1, 1999, with the deadline for public comments being June 30, 1999.

The request letter directed the Commission to work to alleviate compliance and administrative burdens; to utilize concession duty-rate levels scheduled to be effective on January 1, 2004; to suggest simplification of the nomenclature structure without proposing duty-rate changes having a significant effect on U.S. industry and trade; to suggest appropriate ways to reflect column 2 (statutory) duty rates; to convert specific, compound and complex rates of duty to their ad valorem equivalents, where possible, using data for the three most recent calendar years; and to propose appropriate simplification of statistical reporting categories. However, for this initial draft, trade data for 1997 only have been used for such conversions; slight adjustments in the proposed rates should be expected when the complete data are employed.

Due to the length of the draft schedule and cross-reference table, they are being made available over the Internet only, and the electronic files in PDF format have been placed on the Commission's web site for inspection and/or downloading. A printed copy of the draft schedule has been placed in the Secretary's docket section, and a second copy is available in O/TA&TA. Questions may be directed to the following staff members:

General comments: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director (202-205-2595) Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements

General legal notes: Janis L. Summers, Attorney-adviser (202-205-2605)

Chapters 1-24: Ronald H. Heller, Nomenclature Analyst (202-205-2596)

Chapters 25-26: Lawrence A. DiRicco, Nomenclature Analyst (202-205-2606)

Chapters 27-40: Frederick Schottman, Nomenclature Analyst (202-205-2077)

Chapters 41-49: Ronald H. Heller (202-205-2596)

Chapters 50-63: Janis L. Summers (202-205-2605)

Chapters 64-83: Lawrence A. DiRicco (202-205-2606)

Chapters 84-85: Craig M. Houser, Nomenclature Analyst (202-205-2597)

Chapters 86-89: Lawrence A. DiRicco (202-205-2606)

Chapters 90-91: Craig M. Houser (202-205-2597)

Chapters 92-97: Lawrence A. DiRicco (202-205-2606)

Statistical reporting: Gil Whitson (202-205-2602)

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: Interested persons or entities are invited to submit written statements on the draft simplified HTS. Written statements should be submitted as quickly as possible, and follow-up statements are permitted; but all statements must be received at the Commission by the close of business on June 30, 1999, in order to be considered and made part of the record. The Commission notes that it is particularly interested in receiving input from the private sector regarding the proposed treatment of particular goods, as well as general comments about the changes suggested by the draft simplified HTS. Commercial or financial information which a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be available for inspection by interested persons. All submissions should be addressed to the Office of the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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