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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 1999, by Koppel Steel Corp, Beaver Falls, PA; Sharon Tube Co., Sharon, PA; U.S. Steel Group, Fairfield, AL; USS/Kobe Steel Co., Lorain, OH; and Vision Metals' Gulf States Tube Div., Rosenberg, TX.

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

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 investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on July 21, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should

contact Diane Mazur (202-205-3184) not later than July 16, 1999, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in these investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in §§ 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 26, 1999, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must 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 rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (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 investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to § 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: July 1, 1999.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-851
(Preliminary)]

Synthetic Indigo From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-851 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that 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 imports from China of synthetic indigo, known commercially as Vat Blue 1, and preparations based thereon, provided for in subheadings 3204.15.10, 3204.15.40, and 3204.15.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 16, 1999. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by August 23, 1999.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation 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 B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jozlyn Kalchthaler (202-205-3457), 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.—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 1999, by Buffalo Color Corp., Parsippany, NJ, and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than

petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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 investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

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Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on July 22, 1999, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jozlyn Kalchthaler (202-205-3457) not later than July 20, 1999 to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in §§ 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 27, 1999 a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at

the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; Notice of Public Hearing

This document is a notice of public hearing to be held by the Department of Labor to gather information regarding products that might have been mined, produced, or manufactured by forced or indentured child labor, for the purpose of implementing Executive Order No. 13126 ("Prohibition of Acquisition of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor"). This Executive Order was published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1999 (64 FR 32383-32385).

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, in Room N-3437 at the Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be open to the public. This notice is a general solicitation of comments from the public.

The Department of Labor is now accepting requests from all interested parties to provide oral or written testimony at the hearing. Each presentation will be limited to ten minutes. The Department is not able to provide financial assistance to those preparing written submissions. The Department is not able to provide

financial assistance to those wishing to travel to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing are invited to submit written testimony. Parties interested in testifying at the child labor hearing should call Courtney Oren of the International Child Labor Program, (202) 208-4843 ext. 112, to be put on the roster.

Pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 13126, and in consultation and cooperation with the Department of the Treasury and the Department of State, the Department of Labor is now taking steps to enable it to "publish in the **Federal Register** a list of products, identified by their country of origin, that those Departments have a reasonable basis to believe might have been mined, produced, or manufactured by forced or indentured child labor." In compliance with the Executive Order, such a list will be published within 120 days of the date of publishing of the Executive Order or no later than October 10, 1999.

The Executive Order provides that "[t]he Department of Labor may conduct hearings to assist in the identification of" products to be included on the list required by the Executive Order. Information provided at the hearing will be considered by the Department of Labor in preparing the list.

Testimony at the hearing should be relevant to the topic of products "mined, produced or manufactured wholly or in part by forced or indentured child labor." With respect to industries where forced or indentured child labor may occur, but where programs have been implemented to eliminate child labor, the Department is also seeking testimony regarding the effectiveness of such programs.

Under section 6(c) of the Executive Order, "forced or indentured child labor" is defined as:

all work or service (1) exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or (2) performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

This definition is consistent with the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1307.

Among the products and countries that may be examined by the Department are those mentioned in the following Department of Labor reports on child labor: By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume I): The Use of Child Labor in U.S. Manufactured and Mined Imports, and By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume II): The Use of Child Labor in U.S. Agricultural Imports and Forced and Bonded Child Labor. These reports can be accessed on the