

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 332–498 and Chile FTA–103–020]

Certain Vegetables and Grape Juice: Probable Economic Effect of Accelerated Tariff Elimination for Certain Goods of Chile

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and request for written submissions.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on February 11, 2008, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), as amended by a letter received on February 22, 2008, for an investigation and advice pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. (332(g)) and in accordance with section 103 of the U.S.–Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note), the Commission instituted Investigation No. 332–498 and Chile FTA–103–020, *Certain Vegetables and Grape Juice: Probable Economic Effect of Accelerated Tariff Elimination for Certain Goods of Chile*.

DATES: February 11, 2008: Date of receipt of request, amended by letter received February 22, 2008.

March 7, 2008: Date of institution of investigation.

April 4, 2008: Deadline for written statements.

May 22, 2008: Transmittal of 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 and statements should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained from Timothy McCarty, (202–205–3324 or timothy.mccarty@usitc.gov); for information on the legal aspects, contact William Gearhart of the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202–205–1810). General information concerning the Commission

may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS–ONLINE) at <http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm>. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: According to the USTR's letter and annex thereto, the President may accelerate the elimination of duties under the United States–Chile Free Trade Agreement (U.S.–Chile FTA) on certain vegetables and grape juice that are qualifying goods of Chile and classified in the tariff items listed below. Duties on these goods would be eliminated on or about January 1, 2009. Section 201(b) of the U.S.–Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Act) authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements in section 103 of the Act, to proclaim such modifications as the United States may agree to with Chile regarding the staging of any duty treatment set forth in Annex 3.3 of the U.S.–Chile FTA. Section 103 of the Act requires the President to obtain advice regarding the proposed action from the Commission.

The USTR requested that the Commission provide advice as to the probable economic effect of eliminating the U.S. tariff under the U.S.–Chile FTA on domestic industries producing like or directly competitive articles, workers in these industries, and on consumers of the affected goods, on the articles provided for in the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheadings: (1) 0710.22.40 (beans, reduced in size); (2) 0710.30.00 (spinach, New Zealand spinach, and orache spinach); (3) 0710.40.00 (sweet corn); (4) 0710.80.97 (vegetables, nesi, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, reduced in size); (5) 0710.90.91 (mixtures of vegetables, nesi, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen); (6) 2005.99.80 (artichokes); and (7) 2009.69.00 (grape juice including grape must, other).

As requested, the Commission will provide its advice to the USTR by May 22, 2008. USTR requested that the Commission mark as “confidential” those portions of its report and working papers that contain the Commission's probable economic effect advice. The USTR requested that the Commission, as soon as possible after May 22, issue a public version of its report with portions classified as “confidential” and

any confidential business information deleted.

Written Submissions: In lieu of a public hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in this investigation. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on April 4, 2008. 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 of the rules requires that a signed original (or copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, from which the confidential business information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means only to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000 or edis@usitc.gov).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information 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 “nonconfidential” 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 in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted in the course of this investigation in the report it sends to the USTR and the President. However, the Commission will not

publish such confidential business information in the public version of its report in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

Issued: March 7, 2008.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1145 (Preliminary)]

Certain Steel Threaded Rod From China

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping duty 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 duty investigation No. 731-TA-1145 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) 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 certain steel threaded rod provided for in statistical reporting number 7318.15.5060 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 duty investigations in 45 days, or in this case by April 21, 2008. The Commission's views are due at Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 28, 2008.

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: March 5, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim McClure (202-205-3191), 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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on March 5, 2008, by Vulcan Threaded Products, Inc., Pelham, AL.

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 sections 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 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 this investigation 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 section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, 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 this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on March 26, 2008, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW.,

Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jim McClure (202-205-3191) not later than March 21, 2008, 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 sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before March 31, 2008, 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 sections 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, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (November 8, 2002). Even where electronic filing of a document is permitted, certain documents must also be filed in paper form, as specified in II (C) of the Commission's Handbook on Electronic Filing Procedures, 67 FR 68168, 68173 (November 8, 2002).

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (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: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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