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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-567-569 and 731-TA-1343-1345 (Preliminary)

Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Norway

DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of silicon metal from Australia, Brazil, and Norway, provided for in subheadings 2804.69.10 and 2804.69.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold at less-than-fair-value (“LTFV”) and imports of silicon metal alleged to be subsidized by the governments of Australia, Brazil, and Kazakhstan.

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections 703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. 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 investigations.

BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2017, Globe Specialty Metals, Inc., Beverly, Ohio filed a petition with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of subsidized imports of silicon metal from Australia, Brazil, and Kazakhstan, and LTFV imports of silicon metal from Australia, Brazil, and Norway. Accordingly, effective March 8, 2017, the Commission, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), instituted countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-567-569 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1343-1345 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations 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 March 14, 2017 (82 FR 16353). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on March 29, 2017, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on April 24, 2017. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC

Publication 4685 (May 2017), entitled *Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Norway: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-567-569 and 731-TA-1343-1345 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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