purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.''

Background.—The final phase of these investigations are being scheduled, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), as a result of affirmative preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of PET sheet from Korea and Oman are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b). The investigations were requested in petitions filed on July 9, 2019, by Advanced Extrusion, Inc., Rogers, Minnesota; Ex-Tech Plastics, Inc., Richmond, Illinois; and Multi-Plastics Extrusions, Inc., Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

Participation in the investigations 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 the final phase of these investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance during the preliminary phase of the investigations need not file an additional notice of appearance during this final phase. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

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 the final phase of these investigations available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made no later than 21 days prior to the hearing date specified in this notice. Authorized applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the investigations. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigations 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 final phase of these investigations will be placed in the nonpublic record on June 30, 2020, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.22 of the Commission's rules.

Hearing.—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with the final phase of these investigations beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 14, 2020, 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 9, 2020. 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 participate in a prehearing conference to be held on July 10, 2020, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, if deemed necessary. Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written submissions.—Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is July 7, 2020. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is July 21, 2020. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigations may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigations, including statements of support or opposition to the petitions, on or before July 20, 2020. On August 12, 2020, 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 August 14, 2020, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures,* available on the Commission's website at *https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf,* elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

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 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 section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Filing Procedures

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission (Commission) provides notice that, to address concerns related to COVID–19, it is temporarily waiving certain of the Commission's rules that require the filing of paper copies, CD–ROMs, and other physical media, and amending certain of the Commission's rules that allow only for paper filing of certain documents in import injury investigations.

DATES: Immediately and until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may direct telephone inquiries to the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205–2000. You may direct email inquiries to *EDIS3help@usitc.gov.* Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at (202) 205–1810. You may find general information concerning the Commission at *https://www.usitc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 201.4(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.4(b)) permits the Commission to amend, waive, suspend, or revoke Commission rules for ''good and sufficient reason'' if the rule is not a matter of procedure required by law. The procedures for the filing of documents, including the provision of paper copies, CD–ROMs, and other physical media and methods of filing in import injury investigations are not procedures required by law. Therefore, to address concerns related to COVID–19, the Commission has determined that there is good and sufficient reason to waive and amend certain Commission rules that require such submissions and to require electronic filing for all documents filed with the Commission. This waiver and amendment is effective immediately and until further notice, which will be provided in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. Waiver and amendment of these rules will mitigate disruption to import injury investigations in the event that the USITC building is inaccessible.

Specifically, the Commission temporarily waives:

Rule 201.8(d)(1)–(4)'s paper copy requirements, as they pertain to Rules 201.12, 201.14, 206.2, 206.8(d), 207.10(a), 207.15, 207.23, 207.24, 207.25, 207.28, 207.30, 207.61, 207.62(b)(ii)(2), 207.65, 207.67(a), and 207.68(b); and the paper copy requirements set forth in Rules 201.8(f), 201.12, 201.14, 206.2, 206.8(d), 207.10(a), 207.15, 207.23, 207.25, 207.28, 207.30, 207.61, 207.62(b)(ii)(2), 207.65, 207.67(a), and 207.68(b).

The Commission has also approved the temporary amendment of Rule 206.2 and Rule 207.10(a) to permit parties to file import injury petitions, exhibits, attachments, and appendices electronically. All such filings shall comply with the procedures set forth in the Commission's Electronic Document Information System website at *https://edis.usitc.gov.*

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Temporary Change to Filing Procedures

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission (Commission) provides notice that it is temporarily waiving and amending certain of the Commission's rules that require the filing of paper copies, CD–ROMs, and other physical media in section 337 investigations to address concerns about COVID–19.

DATES: Immediately and until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may direct telephone inquiries to the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205–2000. You may direct email inquiries to *EDIS3help@usitc.gov.* Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at (202) 205–1810. You may find general information concerning the Commission at *https://www.usitc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 201.4(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.4(b)) permits the Commission to amend, waive, suspend, or revoke Commission rules for ''good and sufficient reason'' if the rule is not a matter of procedure required by law. The procedures for the filing of documents, including the provision of paper copies, CD–ROMs, and other physical media in section 337 investigations is not a procedure required by law. Therefore, to address concerns related to COVID–19, the Commission has determined that there is good and sufficient reason to waive and amend certain Commission rules that require such submissions and to require electronic filing for all documents filed with the Commission. This waiver and amendment is effective immediately and until further notice, which will be provided in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. Waiver and amendment of these rules will mitigate disruption to section 337 investigations in the event that the USITC building is inaccessible.

Specifically, the Commission temporarily waives: Rule 210.4(f)(3)'s paper copy requirements, as they pertain to documents filed under Rules 210.4(d), 210.8, 210.13, 210.14, 210.15, 210.16, 210.17, 210.18, 210.19, 210.20, 210.21, 210.23, 210.24, 210.25, 210.26, 210.33, 210.34, 210.35, 210.36, 210.38, 210.40, 210.43, 210.45, 210.46, 210.47, 210.50, 210.52, 210.53, 210.57, 210.59, 210.66, 210.70, and 210.71; and the paper copy requirements set forth in Rules 210.4(f)(6)(ii), 210.4(f)(7)(i), and 210.8, as well as the paper filing or copy requirements in the Commission's Handbook on Filing Procedures, with which Rule 210.4(f)(i) requires compliance.

The Commission has approved the temporary amendment of Rule 210.4(f)(2), Rule 210.75, Rule 210.76, and Rule 210.79 to permit parties to file section 337 complaints, exhibits, attachments, and appendices electronically.

The Commission has approved the temporary amendment of Rule 210.7(b) to require that attorneys who designate themselves as lead attorneys or representatives for service of process to provide the Commission with their individual work email address.

The Commission has also approved the temporary amendment of Rules 210.11(a) and 210.75 to require complainants, rather than the Commission, to serve all nonconfidential copies of the complaint and any appendices, supplements, motions for temporary relief, exhibits, and attachments onto each proposed respondent and appropriate embassy, upon notice of institution of investigation, and provide proof of service.

Pursuant to Rule 201.16(a)(1), immediately and until further notice, the Commission will serve public documents by electronic means by posting the documents to its Electronic Document Information System (EDIS), located at *https://edis.usitc.gov.* Pursuant to Rule 201.16(a)(4), ''[electronic] service is complete upon transmission of a notification that the document has been placed in an appropriate repository,'' and is available for retrieved by the party being served. Staff in the Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division, will provide email notification to the parties of the availability of the validated document on EDIS.

All such filings shall comply with the procedures set forth in the Commission's EDIS website at *https://edis.usitc.gov.*

By order of the Commission.