

patent"); 5,034,551 ("the '551 patent"); 5,498,709 ("the '709 patent"); and 7,049,435 ("the '435 patent"). The notice of investigation named twenty-five respondents.

On August 15, 2007, the Commission issued notice of its determination not to review an ID allowing JK Sucralose, Inc. ("JK Sucralose") to intervene as a respondent in the investigation. On August 30, 2007, the Commission issued notice of its determination not to review an ID terminating the investigation with respect to ProFood International Inc. on the basis of a consent order. On October 3, 2007, the Commission issued notice of its determination not to review an ID adding Heartland Sweeteners, LLC ("Heartland Sweeteners") as a respondent in the investigation. The respondents who remain parties to the investigation are therefore: Changzhou Niutang Chemical Plant Co. ("Changzhou Niutang Chemical"); Guangdong Food Industry Institute and L&P Food Ingredient Co., Ltd. ("GDFII"); Hebei Sukerui Science and Technology Co., Ltd. ("Hebei Sukerui Science"); JK Sucralose; Beijing Forbest Chemical Co., Ltd.; Beijing Forbest Trade Co., Ltd.; Forbest International USA, LLC; U.S. Niutang Chemical, Inc.; Garuda International, Inc.; Heartland Packaging Corporation; Heartland Sweeteners; MTC Industries, Inc.; Nantong Molecular Technology Co., Ltd.; AIDP, Inc.; Fortune Bridge Co., Inc. ("Fortune Bridge"); Nu-Scaan Nutraceuticals ("Nu-Scaan"); CJ America, Inc. ("CJ America"); Vivion, Inc. ("Vivion"); Gremount International Co., Ltd. ("Gremount"); Hebei Province Chemical Industry Academe ("Hebei Academe"); Hebei Research Institute of Chemical Industry ("Hebei Research"); Lianyungang Natiprol (Int'l) Co., Ltd. ("Lianyungang Natiprol"); Ruland Chemistry Co., Ltd. ("Ruland"); Shanghai Aurisco Trading Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Aurisco"); and Zhongjin Pharmaceutical (Hong Kong) Co. ("Zhongjin"). Some of these respondents have been found in default.

On September 22, 2008, the presiding administrative law judge issued a final initial determination ("final ID") finding no violation of section 337 (with the exception of certain non-participating and defaulted respondents). On October 6, 2008, Tate & Lyle, four sets of respondents, and the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") each filed petitions for review. On November 21, 2008, the Commission issued notice of its determination to review the final ID in its entirety and requested briefing on the issues on review and on remedy, the public interest, and bonding, including responses to certain questions.

On review, the Commission found no violation on the merits with respect to the '463, '969, and '551 patents, for the reasons set forth in the Commission opinion. As to the '969 patent, respondents Shanghai Aurisco and Zhongjin were previously found to have defaulted. Additionally, the Commission found CJ America, Inc. to have admitted infringement and to have agreed to the entry of an exclusion order as to the '969 patent. As to the '709 and '435 patents, respondents Gremount, Hebei Academe, Lianyungang Natiprol, Ruland, and Hebei Research were previously found to have defaulted with respect to the '709 and '435 patents, and Shanghai Aurisco and Zhongjin were previously found to have defaulted with respect to the '709 patent. Additionally, the Commission found CJ America to have admitted infringement and to have agreed to the entry of a remedial order as to the '709 patent, that non-participating respondents Vivion and Fortune Bridge were subject to adverse inferences with respect to the '709 and '435 patents under Commission Rule 210.17, and that non-participating respondent Nu-Scaan was subject to adverse inferences with respect to the '709 patent under Commission Rule 210.17.

The Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief in this investigation is a limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of certain sucralose and sweeteners containing sucralose by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 20, 21–26, 28, and 29 of the '969 patent by Shanghai Aurisco, Zhongjin, and CJ America; of claims 8, 9, and 13 of the '709 patent by Gremount, Hebei Academe, Lianyungang Natiprol, Hebei Research, Ruland, Shanghai Aurisco, Zhongjin, CJ America, Nu-Scaan, Vivion, and Fortune Bridge; and of claim 1 of the '435 patent by Gremount, Hebei Academe, Lianyungang Natiprol, Ruland, Hebei Research, Vivion, and Fortune Bridge, with the caveat that the order not apply to sucralose supplied to these respondents by the manufacturing respondents who were found to either not infringe or against whom infringement allegations were withdrawn as to the patents asserted in the investigation. These manufacturing respondents are Changzhou Niutang Chemical, GDFII, Hebei Sukerui Science, and JK Sucralose. The Commission further determined that the public interest factors enumerated in section 337(d)(1),(g)(1), 19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1),(g)(1), do not preclude issuance of the limited exclusion order. Finally, the Commission determined

that the bond under the limited exclusion order during the Presidential review period shall be in the amount of 100 percent of the entered value of the imported articles. The Commission's orders were delivered to the President and the United States Trade Representative on the day of their issuance.

The Commission has therefore terminated this investigation. The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and sections 210.16(c) and 210.41–42, 210.50 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.16(c) and 210.41–42, 210.50).

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[Investigation No. 731–TA–1145 (Final)]**

### **Certain Steel Threaded Rod From China Determination**

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of certain steel threaded rod, provided for in subheading 7318.15.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

### **Background**

The Commission instituted this investigation effective March 5, 2008, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Vulcan Threaded Products, Pelham, AL. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of certain steel threaded rod from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in section 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

Commission's investigation and of a public hearing 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 November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70671). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on February 25, 2009, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on April 6, 2009. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4070 (April 2009), entitled *Certain Steel Threaded Rod From China: Investigation No. 731-TA-1145 (Final)*.

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

April 2, 2009.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-693-4223 (this is not a toll-free number)/ e-mail: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor—ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to

ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number).

*Title of Collection:* Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Initiative Evaluation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0NEW.

*Agency Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Governments and Private Sector (Businesses or other For-Profits, Not for Profit Institutions).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,993.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,416.

*Estimated Annual Costs Burden (excludes burden hour costs):* \$0.

*Description:* This inquiry covers qualitative information to be obtained through a survey of key partners and stakeholders in Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development's (WIRED) regional transformation efforts. The data collection will gather information about the nature of regional leaders and their organizations' roles and relationships in the evolving collaborative partnerships. It will also provide information about their efforts to achieve regional transformation of workforce development, economic development and related education systems during the period of the Initiative.

The second administration of the data collection, approximately six months after Federal funding ends for WIRED,

will be to assess sustainability efforts to work collaboratively to achieve regional transformation, and to reveal whether these substantial investments successfully inspired continued efforts to promote integration of regional systems to further talent development. For additional information, see related notice published at Volume 73 FR 59672 on October 9, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Combating Exploitive Child Labor Through Education

**AGENCY:** Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit cooperative agreement applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), intends to obligate approximately USD 20 million to support cooperative agreement awards to organizations to address exploitive child labor internationally. ILAB intends to award, through a competitive and merit-based process, cooperative agreements to organizations to develop projects to combat exploitive child labor through education in the following four countries: Guatemala, Indonesia, Nepal, and Rwanda. ILAB intends to fund projects that focus on withdrawing and preventing children who are engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, exploitive child labor through the provision of direct educational services, such as formal and non-formal education and vocational training programs. The projects should propose innovative ways to provide these educational services to target populations and address the gaps and challenges to basic education found in the countries mentioned above, including by working with governments of host countries to eliminate school fees that create a barrier to education. ILAB intends to solicit cooperative agreement applications from qualified organizations (i.e., any commercial, international, educational, or non-profit organization, including any faith-based, community-based, or public international organizations(s), capable of successfully developing and implementing child labor projects) to implement these projects. Please refer to <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/grants/grants-past.htm> for examples of previous