

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1313 (Final)]

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China; Scheduling of the Final Phase of an Antidumping Duty Investigation

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-1313 (Final) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) to determine whether 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 of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China, provided for in subheading 2903.39.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, preliminarily determined by the Department of Commerce to be sold at less-than-fair-value.¹

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 7, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Lo (202-205-1888), 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 (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—The final phase of this investigation is being scheduled, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), as a result of an affirmative preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China

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 investigation was requested in a petition filed on March 3, 2016, by the American HFC Coalition and its individual members (Amtrol, Inc., West Warwick, Rhode Island; Arkema, Inc., King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; The Chemours Company FC LLC, Wilmington, Delaware; Honeywell International Inc., Morristown, New Jersey; Hudson Technologies, Pearl River, New York; Mexichem Fluor Inc., St. Gabriel, Louisiana; and Worthington Industries, Inc., Columbus, Ohio) and District Lodge 154 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigation, 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 investigation 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 this investigation 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 investigation 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 investigation.

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 this investigation available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the investigation, 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 investigation. A party granted access to BPI in the preliminary phase of the investigation 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 this investigation will be placed in the nonpublic record on February 8, 2017, 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 this investigation beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 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 February 16, 2017. 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 February 21, 2017, 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 February 15, 2017. 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 March 2, 2017. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigation may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigation, including statements of support or opposition to the petition, on or before March 2, 2017. On March 17, 2017, 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 March 21, 2017, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply

¹ For purposes of this investigation, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, R-134a, or its chemical equivalent, regardless of form, type, or purity level. The chemical formula for 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane is CF₃CH₂F, and the Chemical Abstracts Service registry number is CAS 811-97-2.

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 E-Filing*, available on the Commission's Web site at <https://edis.usitc.gov>, elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing.

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 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 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: November 1, 2016.

Lisa R. Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

United States v. Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp., Proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b)–(h), that a proposed Final Judgment, Hold Separate Stipulation and Order, and Competitive Impact Statement have been filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *United States of America v. Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-02147. On October 26, 2016, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp.'s ("Wabtec")

proposed acquisition of Faiveley Transport S.A. and Faiveley Transport North America would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18. The proposed Final Judgment, filed at the same time as the Complaint, requires Wabtec to divest Faiveley's U.S. freight brakes business.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's Web site at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Copies of these materials may be obtained from the Antitrust Division upon request and payment of the copying fee set by Department of Justice regulations.

Public comment is invited within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto, will be posted on the Antitrust Division's Web site, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the **Federal Register**. Comments should be directed to Maribeth Petrizzi, Chief, Litigation II Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW., Suite 8700, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-307-0924).

Patricia A. Brink,

Director of Civil Enforcement.

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

United States of America, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 450 Fifth Street NW., Suite 8700, Washington, DC 20530 Plaintiff, v. Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp., 1001 Airbrake Avenue, Wilmerding, PA 15148, Faiveley Transport S.A., Le Delage Building, Hall Parc—Bâtiment 6A, 6ème étage, 3, rue du 19 mars 1962, 92230 Gennevilliers, CEDEX—France and Faiveley Transport North America, 50 Beachtree Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29605, Defendants.

Case No.: 1:16-cv-02147

Judge: Tanya S. Chutkan

Filed: 10/26/2016

Complaint

The United States of America, acting under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, brings this civil antitrust action to enjoin the proposed acquisition of Faiveley Transport S.A. and Faiveley Transport North America (collectively, "Faiveley") by Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation ("Wabtec") and to obtain other equitable relief. The United States alleges as follows:

I. Introduction

1. Wabtec proposes to acquire Faiveley, a global provider of railway

brake equipment components that make up a critical system intimately linked to both the performance and safety of trains. Faiveley produces its brake system components in the United States through its subsidiary, Faiveley Transport North America. Wabtec is a leading manufacturer of rail equipment used in the assembly of freight cars built for use in the U.S. freight rail network. For purchasers of components of freight car brake systems, Wabtec and Faiveley are two of the top three suppliers approved by the Association of American Railroads ("AAR"), with combined market shares ranging from approximately 41 to 96 percent for many of the products in which they compete. Where a product must be AAR approved, customers must source it from an AAR-approved supplier of that product.

2. In 2010, Faiveley entered into a joint venture with Amsted Rail Company, Inc. ("Amsted"), a rail equipment supplier based in Chicago, Illinois, to form Amsted Rail Faiveley LLC ("ARF"). Faiveley owns 67.5 percent of ARF and Amsted owns the remaining 32.5 percent interest in the joint venture. As part of the joint venture, all of the freight car brake system components that are manufactured by Faiveley Transport North America are marketed and sold to customers by Amsted. Amsted and Faiveley do not compete for the sale of brake system components. Critically, the joint venture allows Faiveley to bundle brake components with Amsted's other products such as wheels and axles, thereby increasing its ability to compete for the sale of freight car brake system components.

3. Wabtec's proposed acquisition of Faiveley would eliminate head-to-head competition in the development, manufacture, and sale of several components of freight car brake systems in the United States. The proposed acquisition likely would give Wabtec the incentive and ability to raise prices or decrease the quality of service provided to customers in the railroad freight industry. The proposed acquisition also would eliminate future competition for control valves, the most safety-critical component on a freight car. If approved, the proposed acquisition would eliminate the entry of Faiveley into this market, thus maintaining a century-old duopoly between Wabtec and its only other control valve rival, and reducing the two incumbent control valve suppliers' incentive to compete.

4. Accordingly, the proposed acquisition likely would substantially lessen existing and future competition