

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1002]

Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Products; Commission Determination With Respect to the Procedure for the April 20, 2017, Oral Argument

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to conduct the April 20, 2017, oral argument, *see* 82 FR 13133-34 (Mar. 9, 2017), in accordance with the procedure set forth herein.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Houda Morad, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-4716. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <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>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted Investigation No. 337-TA-1002 on June 2, 2016, based on a complaint filed by Complainant United States Steel Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ("U.S. Steel"), alleging a violation of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337. *See* 81 FR 35381 (June 2, 2016). The complaint alleges violations of Section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, or in the sale of certain carbon and alloy steel products by reason of: (1) A conspiracy to fix prices and control output and export volumes, the threat or effect of which is to restrain or monopolize trade and commerce in the United States; (2) misappropriation and use of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States; and (3) false designation of origin or

manufacturer, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. *Id.* The notice of investigation identified forty (40) respondents that are Chinese steel manufacturers or distributors, as well as some of their Hong Kong and United States affiliates. *Id.* In addition to the private parties, the Commission assigned an Investigative Attorney from the Commission's Office of Unfair Import Investigations (OUII), who functions as an independent litigant or party in the investigation. *Id.*

On August 26, 2016, Respondents filed a motion to terminate U.S. Steel's antitrust claim under 19 CFR 210.21. On September 6, 2016, U.S. Steel filed a response in opposition to Respondents' motion to terminate. On September 9, 2016, the Commission Investigative Attorney ("IA") filed a response in opposition to Respondents' motion to terminate. On November 14, 2016, the ALJ issued the subject ID, granting Respondents' motion to terminate Complainant's antitrust claim under 19 CFR 210.21 and, in the alternative, under 19 CFR 210.18. On November 23, 2016, Complainant and the IA filed petitions for review of the ID. Complainant also requested oral argument before the Commission. On December 1, 2016, Respondents filed a response to the petitions for review. Also on December 1, 2016, Complainant filed a response to the IA's petition for review.

On December 19, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice determining to review the ID (Order No. 38). *See* 81 FR 94416-17 (Dec. 23, 2016). In the Notice, the Commission requested written submissions from "[t]he parties to the investigation, including the Office of Unfair Import Investigations, and interested government agencies" in connection with its review and set a date of March 14, 2017, for possible oral argument. *Id.*

On February 24, 2017, the Commission issued a notice indicating that, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.45 (19 CFR 210.45), an oral argument would be held on March 14, 2017, in connection with the Commission's review of Order No. 38.

On March 3, 2017, the Commission issued a notice seeking further written submissions from the public in response to the December 19, 2016, Notice and rescheduling the date for the oral argument to April 20, 2017. *See* 82 FR 13133-34 (Mar. 9, 2017).

The Commission has determined to conduct the April 20, 2017, oral argument as follows:

1. The oral argument will include up to four (4) distinct panels, one for

Complainant U.S. Steel, one for Respondents, one for OUII, and one, if applicable, for interested government agencies.

2. At the beginning of the oral argument, each panel will be allowed to give a 10-minute opening statement in the following order: (1) Complainant; (2) Respondents; (3) OUII; and (4) government agencies, if any.

3. Upon completion of all of the opening statements, an initial Questions & Answers (Q&A) session with each panel will follow, whereby each panel, in the same order as outlined in paragraph (2) above, may receive questions from the Commissioners. Each Commissioner will be allocated 10 minutes per round of questions, with potential additional rounds for any given panel, if one or more Commissioners have further questions.

4. After the initial Q&A session when all the panels are completed, there will be the opportunity for a rebuttal Q&A session, where Commissioners will get the opportunity to ask rebuttal questions of the oral argument participants. Each Commissioner will be allocated 5 minutes per round of questions, with potential additional rounds if one or more Commissioners have further questions.

5. At the end of the Q&A sessions, each panel will be allowed to give a 5-minute closing statement, in the same order as outlined in paragraph (2) above, without opportunity for rebuttal or questions from the Commissioners.

COMMISSION ORAL ARGUMENT: The Commission will hold the public oral argument in the Commission's Main Hearing Room (Room 101), 500 E Street SW., Washington DC 20436, beginning at 9:30 a.m. While any member of the public may attend the oral argument, only counsel for the parties to the investigation, including OUII, and representatives of interested government agencies may participate and/or argue at the oral argument.

This is a public proceeding; confidential business information ("CBI") shall not be discussed. A party, however, can draw the Commission's attention to CBI, if necessary, by pointing to where in the record the information can be found.

The oral argument will be limited in scope to the issues identified in the ID (Order No. 38); the Commission's December 19, 2016, Notice; the Commission's March 3, 2017, Notice; and any related petition, written submissions, and responses thereto.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE: Counsel for the parties to the investigation or any representatives of interested government

agencies who wish to participate in the oral argument must file a written request to appear at the Commission oral argument by April 6, 2017, and must provide their email addresses as part of their contact information.

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 in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 30, 2017.

Lisa R. Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Meeting of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure will hold a meeting on May 2, 2017. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation. An agenda and supporting materials will be posted at least 7 days in advance of the meeting at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/records-and-archives-rules-committees/agenda-books>.

DATES: May 2, 2017.

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Harbor Island, Skyline and Lindberg Meeting Rooms, 1960 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: March 30, 2017.

Rebecca A. Womeldorf,

Rules Committee Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Shipbuilding Research Program

Notice is hereby given that, on March 2, 2017, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Shipbuilding Research Program ("NSRP") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Conrad Industries, Inc., Morgan City, LA, has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and NSRP intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 13, 1998, NSRP filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4708).

The last notification was filed with the Department on October 12, 2016. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 3, 2016 (81 FR 76628).

Patricia A. Brink,

Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Heterogeneous System Architecture Foundation

Notice is hereby given that, on March 13, 2017, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Heterogeneous System Architecture Foundation ("HSA Foundation") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade

Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, FUDAN University, China, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Hunan Institute of Science and Technology, Yueyang City, People's Republic of China; Shenyang Institute of Automation (SIA), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shenyang Liaoning Province, People's Republic of China; Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China; Southeast University, Nanjing, People's Republic of China; Nantong University's School of Electronics and Information, Jiangsu, People's Republic of China; Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing, People's Republic of China; The International School of Microelectronics of Nanjing University, Nanjing, People's Republic of China; Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Nanjing, People's Republic of China; Jiangsu Software Defined Radio Engineering Research Center, Nanjing, People's Republic of China; Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, People's Republic of China; Shanghai Advanced Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Shanghai Research Center for Wireless Communications, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Shanghai University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China; and University of Science and Technology Beijing, Beijing, People's Republic of China, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and HSA Foundation intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On August 31, 2012, HSA Foundation filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61786).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 27, 2016. A notice was published in the **Federal**