

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 an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in that investigation under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigation need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. 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 investigation.

Background

On June 23, 2003, a petition was filed with the Commission and Commerce by Penn Specialty Chemicals, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV imports of tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol from China. Accordingly, effective June 23, 2003, the Commission instituted antidumping duty investigation No. 731-TA-1046 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation 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 June 30, 2003 (69 FR 38721). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on July 14, 2003, 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 August 7, 2003. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3620 (August 2003), entitled *Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol from China: Investigation No. 1046 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: August 11, 2003.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights; Certification of the Maryland Accessibility Code Under the Americans With Disabilities Act

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary determination of equivalency, the period for submitting public comments and the hearing in Maryland on the proposed determination of equivalency.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (Department) has determined that the Maryland Accessibility Code, under .05.02.02 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), as adopted pursuant to Article 83B, section 6-102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (together, the Maryland law), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Department proposes to issue a final certification, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 12188(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 28 CFR 36.601 *et seq.*, which would constitute rebuttable evidence, in any enforcement proceeding, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the Maryland law meets or exceeds the requirements of the ADA. The Department invites public comment on the proposed certification determination and will hold an informal hearing on the proposed determination in Ellicott City, Maryland.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments must be in writing and must be received on or before October 14, 2003. The hearing in Ellicott City, Maryland is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2003, at 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the preliminary determination of equivalency and on the proposal to issue final certification of equivalency of the Maryland law should be sent to: John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 1425 NYA Building, Washington, DC 20530.

The hearing in Maryland will be held at the office of the Maryland Department of Community Development located at: The Banneker Room, George Howard

Building/Howard County Office Complex, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John L. Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 1425 NYA Building, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone number (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY).

Copies of this notice are available in formats accessible to individuals with vision impairments and may be obtained by calling (800) 514-0301 (Voice) or (800) 514-0383 (TTY). Copies of the Maryland law and supporting materials may be inspected by appointment at 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 4039, Washington, DC by calling Linda Garrett at (202) 353-0423 TTY, or by e-mail at Linda.Garrett@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The ADA authorizes the Department of Justice, upon application by a State or local government, to certify that a State or local law that establishes accessibility requirements meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of title III of the ADA for new construction and alterations. 42 U.S.C. 12188(b)(1)(A)(ii); 28 CFR 36.601 *et seq.* Final certification constitutes rebuttable evidence, in any ADA enforcement action, that a building constructed or altered in accordance with the certified code complies with the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development requested that the Department of Justice (Department) certify that the Maryland Accessibility Code, under .05.02.02 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), as adopted pursuant to Article 83B, section 6-102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (together, the Maryland law), meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA.

The Department has analyzed the Maryland law and has preliminarily determined that it meets or exceeds the new construction and alterations requirements of title III of the ADA. By letter dated May 29, 2003, the Department notified the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development of its preliminary determination of equivalency.

Effect of Certification: The certification determination will be limited to the version of the Maryland law that has been submitted to the Department. The certification will not apply to amendments or interpretations