

Furthermore, the domestic producers or workers who support the petition account for more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for or opposition to the petition. Thus, the requirements of section 732(c)(4)(A)(ii) of the Act also are met. Accordingly, the Department determines that the petition was filed on behalf of the domestic industry within the meaning of section 732(b)(1) of the Act. *See also* Import Administration AD/CVD Enforcement Initiation Checklist ("Initiation Checklist"), Industry Support section, dated November 5, 2003, on file in the Central Records Unit of the main Department of Commerce building.

Export Price and Normal Value

The following is a description of the allegation of sales at LTFV upon which the Department based its decision to initiate this investigation. The sources of data for the deductions and adjustments relating to U.S. price and normal value (NV) are discussed in greater detail in the Initiation Checklist. Should the need arise to use any of this information as facts available under section 776 of the Act in our preliminary or final determination, we may re-examine the information and revise the margin calculations, if appropriate.

Export Price

The petitioner alleged that the subject aluminum plate produced in South Africa by Hulett Aluminum (Pty) Limited (Hulett) (*i.e.*, the only company that has exported subject merchandise to the United States from South Africa during the most recent twelve months) was sold to Empire Resources, Inc., an unaffiliated U.S. trading company, prior to importation of the merchandise into the United States. Therefore, the petitioner based U.S. price on export price (EP). The petitioner based EP prices for aluminum plate on a price quote for Alloy 6061 T651 aluminum plate adjusted for inland freight charges from Hulett's plant in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa to the port of Durban, international freight expenses from Durban, South Africa to U.S. East Coast ports, as well as a U.S. importer/distributor markup and a U.S. reseller markup.

Normal Value

The petitioner based NV on two price quotes for Alloy 6082 T6 from a South African distributor of aluminum products. The petitioner alleged that, while Hulett does not sell identical grades of merchandise to the United

States and home markets, grade Alloy 6082 T6, sold to the home market, and grade Alloy 6061 T651, sold to the United States, are functionally equivalent, have minimal differences in chemistry, and have no meaningful differences in production costs. The petitioner adjusted the NV for movement charges in the home market and differences in direct selling expenses (imputed credit) between the United States and the home market. The petitioner did not adjust NV for packing expenses because it is the petitioner's understanding that the packing form and materials are the same in both markets.

The estimated dumping margins in the petition based on a comparison between EP and NV range from 80.19 percent to 106.77 percent.

Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by the petitioner, there is reason to believe that imports of certain aluminum plate from South Africa are being, or are likely to be, sold at LTFV.

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petitioner alleges that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports from South Africa of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV.

The petitioner contends that the industry's injured condition is evident in the sales volume and market share lost to unfair imports, as well as rapidly declining and depressed U.S. prices. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including U.S. import data, lost sales, and pricing information. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and we have determined that these allegations are properly supported by adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation. *See* the Initiation Checklist.

Initiation of Antidumping Investigation

Based upon our examination of the petition on certain aluminum plate from South Africa, we have found that it meets the requirements of section 732 of the Act. Therefore, we are initiating an antidumping duty investigation to determine whether imports of certain aluminum plate from South Africa are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV. Unless this deadline is extended pursuant to section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act, we will make our preliminary determination no later

than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the representatives of the Government of South Africa. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as provided for under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiation as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will preliminarily determine no later than December 1, 2003, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of certain aluminum plate from South Africa are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated, otherwise, this investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From Italy: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 12, 2003.
SUMMARY: On September 30, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 56262) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on granular polytetrafluoroethylene resin from Italy, covering the period August 1, 2002,