provisions in paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 206.17 relating to Commission responses to a breach of an administrative protective order and breach procedure shall apply with respect to orders issued under this paragraph.

(f) Time for reporting. The Commission will make its report to the President at the earliest practical time, but not later than 60 days before the action under section 203 of the Trade Act is to terminate, unless the President

specifies a different date.

(g) Public report. Upon making a report to the President of the results of an investigation to which this § 206.54 relates, the Commission will make such report public (with the exception of information which the Commission determines to be confidential) and cause a summary thereof to be published in the **Federal Register**.

§ 206.55 Investigations to evaluate the effectiveness of relief.

(a) Investigation. After any action taken under section 203 has terminated, the Commission will conduct an investigation for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the relief action in facilitating positive adjustment by the domestic industry to import competition, consistent with the reasons set out by the President in the report submitted to the Congress under section 203(b) of the Trade Act.

(b) Hearing. In the course of such investigation, the Commission will hold a hearing at which interested persons will be given an opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard.

(c) *Time for reporting.* The Commission will submit its report to the President and to the Congress by no later than the 180th day after the day on which the action terminated.

By order of the Commission. Issued: December 23, 1994.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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Notice of Interim Amendment to Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Interim rules with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commission is amending its Rules of Practice and Procedure on an interim basis to conform with the

Uruguay Round Agreements Act, (URAA). These rules govern investigations of whether domestic industries are injured by reason of imports sold at less than fair value or from subsidized imports to the United States.

The amendments provide, in particular, for new rules concerning comments on information obtained in investigations and for investigations concerning certain countervailing duty orders entered under section 303 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act). Additionally, several rules are amended to conform their language with the provisions to the Act added or amended by the URAA.

DATES: The interim amendments become effective on January 1, 1995, the date on which the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States, unless the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announces prior to that date that the WTO Agreement will not enter into force on that date. Should the effective date be other than January 1, 1995, the Commission will publish notice to such effect in the Federal Register.

To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received not later than April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: A signed original and 14 copies of each set of comments, along with a cover letter, should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc A. Bernstein, Office of General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202–205–3087. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The URAA was enacted on December 8, 1994. This legislation contains provisions which, *inter alia*, amend Title VII of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.*), concerning antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and review. The Commission's rules concerning Title VII practice and procedure need to be amended to conform to the new legislation.

Section 335 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1335) authorizes the Commission to adopt such reasonable procedures and rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out its functions and duties. Additionally, section 103(a) of the URAA specifies that appropriate officers of the United States Government

may issue such regulations as may be necessary to ensure that any provision of that act, or amendment made by the act, is appropriately implemented on the effective date of that act, and section 103(b) of the URAA directs that any interim regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out any action proposed in the Statement of Administrative Action approved under section 101(a) of the URAA to implement an agreement described in section 101(d)(7), (12), or (13) of the URAA be issued not later than 1 year after the date on which the agreement enters into force with respect to the United States.

Commission rules to implement new legislation ordinarily are promulgated in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 551 et seq.), which entails the following steps: (1) publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking; (2) solicitation of public comments on the proposed rules; (3) Commission review of such comments prior to developing final rules; and (4) publication of the final rules thirty days prior to their effective date. Šee Š U.S.C. 553. That procedure could not be utilized in this instance because the new legislation was enacted on December 8, 1994, and will become effective when the WTO enters into force with respect to the United States, which will be January 1, 1995, unless USTR announces otherwise prior to that date. Consequently, it was not possible to complete the section 553 rulemaking procedure prior to the effective date of the new legislation.

The Commission thus determined to adopt interim rules that will go into effect when the provisions of the URAA amending Title VII become effective and will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules promulgated in accordance with the usual notice, comment, and advance publication procedure.

The Commission's authority to adopt interim rules without following all steps listed in section 553 of the APA is derived from three sources: (1) section 335 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1335), the pertinent portion of which was discussed above; (2) section 103 of the URAA and the Statement of Administrative Action approved by the URAA, the pertinent portions of which were also discussed above; and (3) provisions of section 553 of the APA which allow an agency to dispense with various steps in the prescribed rulemaking procedure under certain circumstances.