comment upon all information on which they previously had not had an opportunity to comment.

For purposes of these interim regulations, the Commission has proposed to implement section 782(g) by adopting relatively minor changes to the procedures it currently follows in final antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Commission is interested in receiving comments, however, concerning whether more extensive changes to its antidumping and countervailing investigation procedures are necessary or desirable to implement section 782(g). More extensive changes could entail one or several of the following: instituting final investigations at an earlier time; releasing the final confidential staff report prior to the parties' final opportunity to comment under section 782(g); implementing a multiple-stage comment procedure to permit the Commission and Commission staff to submit final questions to the parties and/or to allow the parties to submit rebuttal comments. The Commission is additionally interested in receiving comment concerning the scheduling of procedures it is adopting to implement section 782(g), i.e., concerning how long before the public vote the final disclosure of information should take place, and the amount of time after disclosure parties should be provided to file their comments. This could include submission of suggested model work schedules, particularly if the proposed dates for issuing questionnaires or scheduling a hearing need to be changed (e.g., if questionnaires are issued before Commerce's preliminary determination) as a result.

Section 207.29(a) concerns the Commission's first obligation under new section 782(g): to disclose information to parties to an investigation or review. Consequently, section 207.29(a) requires the Commission to specify in a final antidumping or countervailing duty investigation a date on which it will disclose to the parties to the investigation all information on which they have not previously had an opportunity to comment. This includes business proprietary information, which will be released pursuant to administrative protective order. It is anticipated that the disclosure date will be specified as soon as practicable after institution of the final investigation. Additionally, to ensure that all transcript corrections are received by the Commission prior to the disclosure date, section 207.23(c)(2) is amended to state that all proposed revisions to the hearing transcript be submitted to the

Secretary at least one day prior to the information disclosure date.

Section 207.29(b) concerns the Commission's second obligation under new section 782(g): to provide the parties an opportunity to comment on the information disclosed. This section indicates that the Commission will specify a date on which the parties will have an opportunity to file comments on information disclosed to them pursuant to subsection (a). The comments can only concern the information disclosed pursuant to subsection (a) and shall not exceed 10 pages of textual material, double spaced and single-sided, on stationery measuring 8½ x 11 inches. To implement the requirement of section 782(g) that the Commission disregard comments containing any new factual information, the regulation requires that comments addressing the accuracy, reliability, or probative value of information disclosed by reference to information elsewhere in the record shall identify where in the record such information is found. Section 207.29(b) also states that the record shall close on the date the comments are due, except as provided in section 771(7)(G)(iii) with respect to staggered investigations.

Pursuant to section 207.29(c), the provisions of section 207.29 will be applicable to final countervailing duty and antidumping investigations under sections 705 and 735 to which the amendments made to Title VII of the Act by the URAA are applicable. Additionally, by virtue of section 207.45(d) and new section 207.46(d), the provisions of section 207.29 are also pertinent to changed circumstances investigations under section 751(b) and reviews of certain outstanding section 303 orders under new section 753.

In furtherance of new section 207.29, the Commission may adopt a practice of releasing staff reports on or before the disclosure date established pursuant to that section in the event that one or more parties to an investigation or review do not have access to business proprietary information subject to administrative protective order. Section 207.21(b) is therefore amended to delete the clause stating that the public version of the Commission's final staff report will be released "after the Commission's final determination." The Commission does not take the position, however, that such a practice is required by section 207.29. Nor does the Commission anticipate that it will necessarily release public copies of staff reports on or before the disclosure date as a general matter.

There are two technical amendments to section 207.40. First, section

207.40(a) is amended by addition of the language "upon withdrawal of the petition by the petitioner" so it will conform more closely with sections 704(a)(3) and 734(a)(3), whose requirements it implements. This change is also needed because the URAA has amended the Act to specify that a Commission preliminary determination of negligible imports pursuant to new section 771(24) will have the effect of terminating an investigation. Second, section 207.40(b) is amended to reflect that the Department of Commerce may suspend antidumping investigations pursuant to section 734(l), as well as sections 734 (b) and (c).

A new section 207.46 is added to establish procedures for investigations under section 753 of the Act. Section 753, which was added to the Act by section 271 of the URAA, concerns countervailing duty orders that were issued under former section 303 of the Act without an injury determination being made by the Commission.

Section 207.46(a) contains definitions for terms used in that section. The first term, "requesting party," merely references the type of parties eligible under section 753(a)(1) to request an investigation pursuant to that section. The second term, "order," is taken directly from section 753(a)(2). The third term, "WTO agreement," is taken directly from section 2(9) of the URAA.

Section 207.46(b) establishes requirements for requests for reviews under section 753. Such requests must be made by a "requesting party"—that is, a party eligible to file a request under section 753(a)(1), and must be made within the time period established under section 753(a)(3). Paragraphs (1) through (4) specify additional material that should be included within the request to enable the Commission to facilitate and organize its investigation under section 753 and to formulate questionnaires. These encompass:

(1) A description of the relevant domestic like product and domestic industry on which the requesting party believes the Commission should focus in conducting its section 753 investigation, and identification of the individual members of that domestic industry.

(2) Information concerning the names and addresses of all known enterprises believed to be manufacturing, producing, exporting, or importing the subject merchandise.

(3) Information reasonably available to the requesting party documenting how that domestic industry is likely to be materially injured by reason of subject imports if the section 303 order