from the 6-mile radius to 15.3 miles northwest of the airport and within a 6-mile radius of the Offutt AFB and within 4.3 miles each side of the Offutt ILS localizer course extending from the 6-mile radius to 7.4 miles southeast of the AFB and within a 6.3 mile radius of Council Bluffs Municipal Airport excluding that portion which lies within the Eppley Airfield and the Offutt AFB Class E5 airspace.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

19 CFR Parts 201 and 207

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Rules of Practice and Procedure

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The United States International Trade Commission (the Commission) proposes to amend its Rules of Practice and Procedure concerning antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and reviews in 19 CFR parts 201 and 207. The proposed amendments have two purposes. First, they will conform the Commission's rules, on a permanent basis, to the requirements of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). Second, the amendments will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Commission's procedures in conducting antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received not later than December 18, 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, or Vera A. Libeau, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202–205–3176. 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:

Background

The URAA was enacted on December 8, 1994. It contains provisions which, *inter alia*, amend Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) (19 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.*), concerning antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and reviews. Enactment of the URAA necessitated that the Commission amend its rules concerning Title VII practice and procedure.

Commission rules to implement new legislation ordinarily are promulgated in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of § 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. See 5 U.S.C. 553. That procedure could not be utilized in this instance because the new legislation was enacted on December 8, 1994, and became effective on January 1, 1995. Because it was not possible to complete the § 553 rulemaking procedure prior to the effective date of the new legislation, the Commission adopted interim rules that came into effect at the same time as the URAA. These interim amendments to part 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure were published in the Federal Register on January 3, 1995. 60 FR 18 (Jan. 3, 1995). The Commission additionally requested comment on the interim rules.

As the Commission stated in its January 3, 1995, Federal Register notice, its interim rules were not intended to "respond to anything more than the exigencies created by the new legislation." The notice explained that any final rules that the Commission would adopt could be more comprehensive than the interim rules. Moreover, in the notice the Commission solicited comment on whether more extensive changes to its rules were necessary or desirable. 60 FR at 19-20. Comments were submitted by the Royal Thai Government ("Thailand"), the law firm of Stewart and Stewart ("S&S") on its own behalf, the law firm of Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz on behalf of Gouvernement de Quebec ("Quebec"), the law firm of Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott on behalf of the Specialty Steel Industry of North America ("SSINA"), the law firms of Dewey Ballantine and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom on behalf of seven U.S. producers of flat-rolled steel ("Flat-Rolled Steel"),

and the law firm of Aitken, Irvin & Lewin on behalf of the Pro Trade Group ("Pro Trade"). The nature of these comments, to the extent that they are pertinent to the subjects addressed in this notice of proposed rulemaking, and the Commission's response thereto is provided below in the explanation of the proposed rules.

Both as a result of comments received in response to the notice of interim rulemaking and as a result of the Commission's own independent examination of its procedures in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and reviews, the Commission is proposing changes to its procedures involving such investigations and reviews. Some of these changes are intended to implement the new requirements of the URAA, while others are intended generally to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission's investigative procedures.12

Several of these changes require amendments to the Commission's rules. Accordingly, the Commission is proposing and submitting for public comment amendments to its part 201 and 207 rules. Additionally, the Commission is proposing to issue as final rules all but one of the interim rules that were published in the January 3, 1995, Federal Register notice. As explained below, the Commission has proposed revisions to some of these

While Commissioner Newquist and Commissioner Bragg generally support any effort to reduce costs to and burdens on parties and the Commission, they are concerned that these proposed rules, if adopted, may have the contrary effect, particularly with regard to the parties and other interested persons.

Commissioner Newquist and Commissioner Bragg strongly encourage public comment on these proposed rules, whether in support or opposition.

Finally, Commissioner Newquist and Commissioner Bragg note that Commission staff prepared rough estimates of the costs and benefits of many of the proposed rules herein. These estimates, contained in memo INV-S-109, dated August 14, 1995, is available from the Secretary's office. Commissioner Newquist and Commissioner Bragg welcome public comment on these staff estimates.

¹ Chairman Watson and Commissioner Crawford are optimistic that most proposals contained herein will provide efficiencies as well as improve the process for the private and the public sector. Some proposals have more potential for cost savings than others; some will benefit primarily the private sector, others primarily the Commission. Only one, the proposal to initiate an issues conference, which is designed to improve and focus the investigative process, may create no significant net efficiencies in the process. Chairman Watson and Commissioner Crawford value and will carefully consider all comments on each proposal.

²Commissioner Newquist's and Commissioner Bragg's approval of this notice of proposed rulemaking is solely for the administrative purpose of soliciting public comment on the proposed rules herein. Their approval should not be construed as a concurrence with the proposed rules.