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## Trade Briefs

### Roos Confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Japan

On August 7, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmed John Roos as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan. The Ambassador to Japan has a broad portfolio that requires focus on a variety of foreign policy areas. However, Japan-U.S. trade relations are integral to the bilateral relationship, and the U.S. Ambassador is likely to play a significant role in any trade disputes or policy decisions.

Before being nominated as President Obama's Ambassador to Japan, Roos was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of California-based law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. The law firm is known for its work on high-technology and biotechnology cases. Roos is known more for his close ties to Obama than for his expertise on Japan. During Obama's presidential campaign, Roos was a top campaign donor.

Roos offered a written statement to the Foreign Relations Committee, promising to strengthen bilateral cooperation on the global economic crisis and calling for an increase in investment and trade between the two countries. Also, as part of his confirmation process, Roos answered various senators' questions for the record (QFRs). In answering their questions, Roos said that he would work to expand U.S. exports to Japan. He said that he would evaluate whether the U.S. Mission in Japan had adequate resources for promoting U.S. products.

It was rumored that Obama would choose Harvard Professor Joseph Nye for the post. Nye is well-known for his work on the Japan-U.S. alliance during his time as assistant secretary of defense. The selection of Roos over Nye, then, was widely believed to show that Obama is prioritizing closeness and confidence over knowledge in selecting the U.S. representative to Japan.

## Dumping Watch

### Preliminary Results of AD Review regarding SS Sheet and Strip from Japan

On August 7, the Department of Commerce (DOC) gave notice that it had reached preliminary results in its administrative review of the antidumping (AD) duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan. The DOC initiated this administrative review in August 2008 with respect to two companies: Hitachi Cable Ltd. (Hitachi Cable) and Nippon Kinzoku Co., Ltd. (NKKK). On August 7, the DOC has preliminarily determined that Hitachi Cable and NKKK. Specifically, the DOC calculated weighted-average dumping margins of 0.00% for Hitachi Cable and 0.23% (*de minimis*) for NKKK. The DOC will issue instructions to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within 15 days and will issue the final results of this administrative review within 120 days.

### Preliminary Results and Rescission in Part of AD Review regarding SS Sheet and Strip from Taiwan

On August 5, the DOC published its preliminary results and its rescission in part of the administrative review of the AD duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Taiwan. In July 1999, the DOC instituted this AD order on SS sheet and strip from Taiwan. In July 2008, the DOC gave notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the order. Petitioners submitted such a request that same month, and in August 2008 the DOC initiated an administrative review. While the petitioners initially asked for a review of 20 companies, the DOC ended up conducting reviews of only three: Chia Far Industrial Factory Co., Ltd. (Chia Far), Yieh United Steel Corporation (YUSCO), and Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Co., Ltd. (Ta Chen). The DOC has preliminarily determined that Chia Far has made sales below normal value and has calculated a weighted-average dumping margin of 4.30%. The cash deposit rate for all others will continue to be 12.61%. The DOC is preliminarily rescinding this administrative review with respect to YUSCO and Ta Chen. The DOC will issue final results within 120 days of publication of this notice of preliminary results.

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[A-201-822] Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Mexico; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Intent Not To Revoke Order in Part *74 FR 39622-39631*, August 7, 2009.

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[A-549-817] Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review *74 FR 39047-39054*, August 5, 2009.

[A-403-801] Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review: Fresh and Chilled Atlantic Salmon from Norway *74 FR 39045-39047*, August 5, 2009.

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[C-570-946] Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China: Correction to Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation *74 FR 38584-38585*, August 4, 2009.

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Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews *74 FR 38397*, August 3, 2009.

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[C-570-940] Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof From the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order *74 FR 38399-38401*, August 3, 2009.

Initiation of Five-year ("Sunset") Review *74 FR 38401-38402*, August 3, 2009.

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[Investigation No. 337-TA-623] In the Matter of Certain R-134a Coolant (Otherwise Known as 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane); Notice of Commission Determination To Reverse the Remand Determination of the Presiding Administrative Law Judge and To Terminate the Investigation In Its Entirety With a Finding of No Violation *74 FR 39711*, August 7, 2009.

[USITC SE-09-022] Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice *74 FR 39104-39105*, August 5, 2009.

[Investigation No. 731-TA-208 (Third Review)] Barbed Wire and Barbless Wire Strand From Argentina *74 FR 38468-38471*, August 3, 2009.

### **The Week Ahead**

- On August 13, the ITC will hold a vote on the preliminary phase AD investigation into woven electric blankets from China.