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Trade Briefs

Doha Talks to Resume

After a long pause, the Doha round of international trade talks appear to be set to resume this week. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will meet with Brazilian and Indian officials in Paris to discuss a wide range of topics.

At the end of September, leaders of G-20 nations met in Pittsburgh for two days of meetings. The meetings concluded with a pledge from these leaders that they would make every effort to conclude the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations in 2010.

The nations did not agree to set a target date for early 2010, but they said that they would direct their trade ministers to work on the issue and assess the possibilities for a breakthrough by early next year.

The G-20 agreed to work against protectionism in the face of the global economic crisis. However, this language was not seen as a surprising new development. The G-20 had made basically the same declaration at its recent summits in Washington and London. Experts predicted that the G-20 would not "shake up the scene" in Geneva and lead to immediate movement on Doha.

Despite their pessimism, it appears that the USTR is moving ahead with trade talks this week with two of the most important WTO members to discuss possible advancement of the Doha negotiations.

Brazil and India are reported to be prepared to discuss agriculture as well as non-agricultural market access and services. However, it is not clear exactly what will be the focus of these preliminary negotiations.

According to reports, the European Union and Brazil will try to pressure the U.S. into making its demands clear for the conclusion of the Doha Round. Some trade experts have suggested, though, that the U.S. will be reluctant to offer concrete demands, as doing so would give other nations the opportunity to blame the U.S. for stalling the negotiations. However, the U.S. may have to present specific demands by the end of November, when there will be a formal meeting of WTO trade ministers.

At the G-20, China raised concerns over President Obama's use of a safeguard against import surges of Chinese tires. China appeared to be less excited about new negotiations and more interested in "locking up the existing achievements." China's reluctance, and its dissatisfaction with President Obama's tough trade remedy action on Chinese tires, could create a major impediment to real progress on Doha.

Dumping Watch

Final Phase AD, CVD Investigations into Chinese OCTG Scheduled by ITC

On September 30, the International Trade Commission (ITC) gave notice that it has scheduled the final phase countervailing duty (CVD) and antidumping (AD) investigations into the importation of certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from China. The ITC will determine whether an industry in the U.S. is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of OCTG imports that benefit from subsidies and are sold in the U.S. at less than fair value. The ITC is scheduling the CVD and AD cases so that they proceed at the same time. The ITC is doing so for purposes of efficiency. The ITC will hold a hearing on these final phase investigations on December 1.

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[Investigation No. 337-TA-636] In the Matter of Certain Laser Imageable Lithographic Printing Plates: Notice of Commission Determination To Review in Part an Initial Determination Finding Respondents in Violation of Section 337 and on Review To Affirm the Administrative Law Judge's Determination That There Is a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Briefing on the Issues on Review and on Remedy, Public Interest, and Bonding 74 FR 49890-49891, September 29, 2009.

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Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

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The Week Ahead

- The ITC will hold no hearings or votes in the next week.