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Trade Briefs

Tanner Succeeds Levin as Chairman of Trade Subcommittee

On March 10, Democrats on the House Ways & Means Committee voted to install Rep. John Tanner (D-TN) as Chairman of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Trade. The previous Chairman of the Trade Subcommittee, Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI), was recently elevated to Chairman of Ways & Means, opening the way for Tanner to replace him.

Levin is known for his strongly held positions in U.S. trade policy, where he opposes ratification of the pending agreements with Colombia, Korea, and Panama. Levin is also known for his aggressive position on trade remedies, and he is often a co-sponsor to laws that would impose the most strict and radical enforcement measures. The Cato Institute, which compiles statistics on the voting records of congressmen on the issue of trade, finds Levin to have a mixed record on the issue of trade generally. He has always supported domestic subsidies, and he has voted a majority of the time to oppose trade barriers. Cato found that Levin voted 63% of the time against trade barriers, but he has never voted against trade subsidies.

By contrast, Tanner is seen as a supporter of free trade. Through his 11 terms, Tanner voted for free trade agreements with Peru, Australia, Singapore, and Chile. He also supported the Central American Free Trade Act (CAFTA) and the North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA). Cato identifies Tanner as an “internationalist,” as he has voted against trade barriers 79% of the time but against subsidies only 7% of the time.

The change from Levin to Tanner may mean that the trade subcommittee will be a friendlier place for free traders. However, Tanner has announced that he will be retiring at the end of his term, and therefore his turn as Chairman will be short-lived. Furthermore, Tanner’s powers as Chairman will be mostly limited to holding hearings and consulting with the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) and the Obama Administration on its trade policy. It is unlikely that he will be able to move major legislation or make significant changes in U.S. trade policy, especially with Levin in as Ways & Means Chairman.

Dumping Watch

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results in AD Review of Japanese Pipe

On March 10, the Department of Commerce (DOC) gave notice that it would extend the time limit for preliminary results in the administrative review of the antidumping (AD) duty order on certain large diameter carbon and alloy seamless standard, line, and pressure pipe from Japan. This review covers four manufacturers/exporters: JFE Steel Corporation, Nippon Steel Corporation, NKK Tubes, and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. This DOC was originally scheduled to publish preliminary results of this review on March 10, 2010. However, the DOC decided to extend the time limit by 30 days because completion under the original deadline was not practicable. Therefore, the preliminary results are now due on April 8.

Federal Register Notices

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 10-00002] Export Trade Certificate of Review 75 FR 11842-11843, March 12, 2010.

Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting 75 FR 11845, March 12, 2010.

[A-570-954] Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination 75 FR 11847-11855, March 12, 2010.

[A-570-893] Fourth Administrative Review of Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results, Preliminary Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Intent Not To Revoke, In Part 75 FR 11855-11862, March 12, 2010.

[A-201-837] Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks from Mexico: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination 75 FR 11517-11522, March 11, 2010.

[A-475-818] Certain Pasta from Italy: Notice of Amended Final Results of the Twelfth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 75 FR 11116-11118, March 10, 2010.

[Application No. 99-4A005] Export Trade Certificate of Review 75 FR 11118-11119, March 10, 2010.

[A-588-850] Certain Large Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 75 FR 11119, March 10, 2010.

[A-570-868] Folding Metal Tables and Chairs from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews 75 FR 11120, March 10, 2010.

[A-570-891] Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Five-year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping Duty Order 75 FR 11120-11121, March 10, 2010.

[A-428-840] Lightweight Thermal Paper from Germany: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 75 FR 11135-11136, March 10, 2010.

[A-533-824, C-533-825] Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip from India: Initiation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty New Shipper Reviews 75 FR 10758, March 9, 2010.

[A-533-838] Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed-Circumstances Review 75 FR 10759, March 9, 2010.

[C-560-824] Certain Coated Paper from Indonesia: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination 75 FR 10761-10774, March 9, 2010.

[C-570-959] Certain Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination 75 FR 10774-10789, March 9, 2010.

Office of Insular Affairs; Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 2010 for Watch Producers Located in the United States Virgin Islands 75 FR 10463, March 8, 2010.

[A-475-818] Certain Pasta from Italy: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 75 FR 10464-10466, March 8, 2010.

[C-570-963] Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination 75 FR 10466-10470, March 8, 2010.

International Trade Commission

[Investigation No. 337-TA-664] In the Matter of: Certain Flash Memory Chips and Products Containing Same; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Unopposed Motion To Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation 75 FR 11909-11910, March 12, 2010.

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-467 (Final) and 731-TA-1164-1165 (Final)] Narrow Woven Ribbons With Woven Selvedge From China and Taiwan 75 FR 11908-11909, March 12, 2010.

[Investigation No. Bahrain-FTA-103-025] Certain Combed Cotton Yarns: Effect of Modification of U.S.-Bahrain FTA Rules of Origin 75 FR 11559-11560, March 11, 2010.

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1163 (Final)] Woven Electric Blankets From China 75 FR 11557-11559, March 11, 2010.

[Investigation No. 1205-7] Proposed Modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States 75 FR 10818-10820, March 9, 2010.

[Investigation No. 337-TA-667; Investigation No. 337-TA-673] In the Matter of Certain Electronic Devices, Including Handheld Wireless Communications Devices; Notice of

Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigations in Their Entirety 75 FR 10502-10503, March 8, 2010.

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-474 and 731-TA-1176 (Preliminary)] Drill Pipe and Drill Collars from China 75 FR 10501-10502, March 8, 2010.

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Public Comments for Multilateral Negotiations in the World Trade Organization on Expansion of the Lists of Pharmaceutical Products Receiving Zero Duties 75 FR 11986-11988, March 12, 2010.

The Week Ahead

- On March 16, the ITC will hold a hearing on the final phase AD and CVD investigations into polyethylene carrier bags from Indonesia, Taiwan, and Vietnam.
- On March 18, the ITC will hold rescheduled hearings on its general factfinding investigations of “Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: U.S. and EU Export Activities, and Barriers and Opportunities Experienced by U.S. Firms” and “Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Characteristics and Performance.”