

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.**

**Investigation No. 332-549**

**Rice: Global Competitiveness of the U.S. Industry**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The public hearing in this investigation scheduled for September 10, 2014, has been cancelled. The two interested parties that filed requests to appear at the hearing have withdrawn their requests to appear.

**DATES:**

December 9, 2014: Deadline for filing all written submissions.

April 14, 2015: Transmittal of Commission report to the Committee.

**ADDRESSES:** All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm>.

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**BACKGROUND:** The Commission published notice of institution of the investigation and the scheduling of a public hearing in the *Federal Register* of June 20, 2014 (79 F.R. 35381). Except for dates and instructions related to the hearing and hearing submissions, all other information in the June 20 notice remains the same, including with respect to the deadline for filing written submissions and the instructions relating to the filing of those submissions.

The Commission instituted the investigation on June 17, 2014, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), following receipt on May 15, 2014, of a request from the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

By order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Barton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being the most prominent part.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

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