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BICYCLES FROM HUNGARY

Determination of No Injury or Likelihood Thereof

On December 31, 1964, the Tariff Commission was advised by the Department of the Treasury that bicycles from Hungary, manufactured by Pannonia, Budapest, Hungary, are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value as that term is used in the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended. Accordingly, on January 5, 1965, the Commission instituted an investigation under section 201(a) of that act to determine whether an industry in the United States is being or is likely to be injured, or is prevented from being established, by reason of the importation of such merchandise into the United States.

Notice of the investigation was published in the Federal Register (30 F.R. 293). The notice provided that interested parties could request that a public hearing be held and could submit written statements of information pertinent to the investigation. The Commission did not receive a request for a public hearing, and no hearing was ordered. Written statements were received from the domestic producers of bicycles and the importer of Hungarian bicycles.

In arriving at its determination, the Commission gave due consideration to the written submissions of interested parties and the information obtained by its staff. On the basis of the investigation, the Commission has unanimously determined that an industry in the United States is not being and is not likely to be injured, or prevented from being established, by reason of the importation of bicycles from Hungary, manufactured by Pannónia, Budapest, Hungary, sold at less than fair value within the meaning of the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended. The Commission found no evidence that imports of the Hungarian bicycles at less than fair value are having, or are likely to have, a disruptive effect on the operations of U.S. producers of bicycles. U.S. imports of bicycles from Hungary in recent years have been very small, both in absolute terms and relative to domestic production. In 1964, imports of Hungarian bicycles (all from Pannónia of Budapest) amounted to 13,300 units; annual imports in other recent years have ranged from about 11,000 to 20,000 units. Meanwhile, annual domestic output of bicycles has increased sharply in recent years; it was some 60 percent larger in 1964 than in 1961. Factory sales amounted to more than 4 million bicycles in 1964--a record high. In 1964, the imports of bicycles from Hungary were equivalent in number to less than a half of 1 percent of the domestic output. The small volume of sales of Hungarian bicycles in the United States has not caused

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significant injury to the U.S. producers. It is unlikely, moreover, that imports of Hungarian bicycles will increase enough to affect materially an industry in the United States. Hungary's exports of bicycles both to the United States and to other countries have been small; they have not increased significantly in recent years; and there are no present indications of any substantial increase in exports to the United States.

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This determination and the statement of reasons are published pursuant to section 201(c) of the Antidumping Act, 1921, as amended. By the Commission:


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