LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION IN RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION 221 AGREED TO MAY 12, 1924, REQUESTING THE TARIFF COMMIS-SION TO INFORM THE SENATE OF THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE REQUESTS FOR TABIFF INVESTIGATIONS AND THE COST OF OBTAINING DATA FOR TRADE INFORMATION FOR TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

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UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION,

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Hon. Albert B. CUMMINS,

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President pro tempore, United States Senate.

MY DEAR SIR: In response to Senate Resolution 221 requesting the Tariff Commission to inform the Senate of the number of industries which have made bona fide requests for tariff investigations; the number of such requests upon which the commission has been unable to act; what, if any, sum of money should be provided by Congress in order to meet the legitimate requests of the business interests of the country for trade information, and obtain necessary data concerning tariff adjustment, I have the honor to submit the accompanying report.

Respectfully,

THOMAS O. MARVIN, Chairman.

INDUSTRIES REQUESTING TARIFF INVESTIGATIONS

On May 12, 1924, the Senate of the United States passed the following resolution (S. Res. 221):

Whereas the Tariff Commission is being called upon to determine the applica-tions of many industries for a study of economic conditions, particularly as affected by tariff laws, relating to these industries, and Whereas the commission has found it impossible to make a proper investiga-tion of conditions affecting some of the industries because of a lack of appro-priated funds necessitating even a reduction of its clerical force and tariff ex-ports: Therefore he it perts; Therefore be it

perts; Therefore be it Resolved, That the Tariff Commission inform the Senate of (1) the number of industries which have made bona fide requests for tariff investigations, (2) the number of such requests upon which the commission has been unable to act, and (3) what if any sum of money should be appropriated by Congress in order to meet the legitimate requests of the business interests of the country for trade information, and obtain necessary data concerning tariff adjustment.

In response to the inquiries contained in the foregoing resolution, the United States Tariff Commission has the honor to inform the Senate of the United States as follows:

I. INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE BONA FIDE REQUESTS FOR TARIFF INVESTIGATIONS

Since the passage of the tariff act of 1922 one hundred and seventytwo industries have made what would appear to be bona fide requests for tariff investigations by this commission. These industries are set forth in the attached Table I. This table shows, under the appropriate schedule, the designation of the article or commodity, with the paragraph of the tariff act under which it is dutiable; the date of the application; the nature of the request, that is to say, whether it is for an increase or a decrease in duty or assessment of duty upon the American selling price; and in the final column, the present status of the matter, for instance, whether a formal investigation has or has not been instituted, whether the application has been withdrawn, or whether the matter may be regarded as still pending.

Table I, it will be observed, includes not only requests under section 315 of the tariff act of 1922 (providing for the equalization of foreign and domestic costs of production), but also requests under section 316 (the unfair competition section), as well as section 317 and section 318. For the purposes of section 315 (commonly known as the flexible provisions) the commission has formally instituted 37 investigations. These are listed in Table II. This table shows, in successive columns, the schedule of the tariff act involved, the number of the paragraph fixing the duty, the name of the article or commodity, the date when the investigation was formally instituted, and finally, its present status.

Subtracting the commodities listed in Table II from those listed in Table I, we have the number of applications or requests under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318, upon which the commission, for one reason or another, has not proceeded to the point of instituting a formal investigation. The commodities thus remaining, however, would not be equivalent to those which may be taken as still pending. In order to show with accuracy and precision the investigations in which the commission may fairly be said to be unable to act for want of funds, it is necessary to eliminate those commodities in which the requests for investigations may be treated as temporarily or per-manently disposed of. These applications are listed in Table III. They include (1) requests in which the subject matter was found not to be within the jurisdiction of the commission, for example, commodities on the free list; (2) requests in which the application was withdrawn by the applicant; (3) requests in which, after a preliminary survey, the commission has reached the conclusion that a formal investigation for the purposes of section 315 was not warranted by the facts before the commission at the time, and in which the commission has, therefore, declined to proceed further for the time being. This does not mean that the applications in such cases are rejected or denied. On the contrary, the application is still before the commission and open to reconsideration whenever additional information is obtained indicating that a formal investigation should be ordered in the public interest. For the inquiries made in Senate Resolution 221, however, all commodities in Table III may be temporarily laid on one side.

If then, we subtract from the total number of subjects listed in Table I, those in which formal investigations have been instituted (Table II) and those which may be said to have been disposed of for the time being, either by the action of the applicant or by the action of the commission (Table III), we arrive at a list of requests which may, in the strict sense, be regarded as pending and undisposed of. These commodities are listed in Table IV. This table shows, under the appropriate schedule, the paragraph number of the tariff act; the name of the article or commodity; the nature of the request; the reason formal investigation was not instituted; and, finally, the estimated cost of conducting the investigations requested.

With regard to these estimates of costs a word of explanation seems desirable.

The expenses of every investigation obviously fall under two heads: First, the expense involved in field investigations conducted in the United States and in the principal competing countries; secondly, a portion at least of the general administrative expense including salaries of the commission's permanent staff and the other expenses which may be broadly characterized as overhead. The estimated cost of each investigation is therefore stated in three columns, showing (1) the total cost of the investigation, (2) the cost of salaries and overhead separately. (3) the cost of the per diem and traveling expenses separately. In calculating the proportion of general expense involved in each investigation, it has been necessary to proceed upon the principle that overhead cost bears substantially the same relation to field cost in every case. This proportion is taken as 20 per cent. In many instances, however, experience demonstrates that the office expense of a major investigation involves a much larger proportion of general overhead than that indicated.

In the sugar beet investigation, for example, the total field expense (including per diem, travel and the salaries of men while in the field) was approximately \$27,306. The total and overhead expenses, including the cost of the necessarily elaborate analyses and tabulation of the data obtained in the field, are estimated to have been in the neighborhood of \$18,000. In the investigation of the costs of production of sugar, instituted under the provisions of section 315, the total field expense was approximately \$43,630. The best estimate of the office expense, including the difficult and complicated work of analyzing and tabulating the field data, places the amount at about \$30,000. In the investigation of the costs of production of wheat and wheat products, the field expenses aggregated, as nearly as can be ascertained, \$30,620. In this instance the cost of analyzing and tabulating the field data was somewhat less than usual, yet the office expense amounted to about \$5,000, making the total expense for that investigation, \$35,620.

These observations would seem to be equally applicable to certain major investigations which have been already instituted, but which have not yet been completed. For example, it is estimated that the investigation of foreign and domestic costs of production of vegetable oils will involve a total expenditure of not less than \$45,595. Of this total \$19,780 represents per diem and traveling expenses, not including the salaries of employees while assigned to field duty. Such salaries have been estimated at \$10,815, which will probably be expended during the first six months of the next fiscal year. In addition to a total field expense of approximately \$30,595, according to the best estimate that can now be made, about \$15,000 must be added to cover the required share of general and overhead expenses, including clerical work of all kinds and the costly analyses and tabulation of the cost data collected.

By resolution of the Senate, adopted May 14, 1924 (S. Res. 226), the Tariff Commission was requested to institute an investigation concerning the costs of production of butter in the United States and in the countries from which importations come. In Table IV a tentative estimate of the cost of this investigation has been included. The total there stated, \$37,380, however, is based upon an assumed allocation of overhead expenses of but 20 per cent and on the further assumption that foreign costs of production would be obtained only in what is now the principal competing country. If the commission conducts a cost-of-production investigation in all countries from which importations are received, as seems to be contemplated by Senate Resolution 226, the estimate in Table IV must be increased by approximately \$22,120 to cover inquiries into farm and factory costs in Australia, New Zealand, and the Argentine. This figure does not include any allowance for the resulting increase in the general office and overhead expense. The estimates in Table IV are, therefore, considered conservative.

II. REQUESTS UPON WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ACT

Table IV shows that, after setting aside commodities in which it seems unlikely that a formal investigation would be instituted, there still remain 45 industries in which bona fide requests have been made for investigations and upon which the commission, assuming that all such investigations are found to be in the public interest under the law, is precluded from acting by reason of lack of funds. The estimated cost of conducting these 45 investigations is \$473,806, of which \$180,459 represents merely per diem and traveling expenses. The remainder, \$293,347, represents primarily the salaries of the members of the commission's staff for the time during which the services of such employees would be assigned to the investigation in question.

It must not be supposed, however, that the commodities or industries listed in Table IV represent all the requests for investigation upon which the commission has been unable to act because of insufficient funds. With respect to many of the commodities listed in Table II, in which formal investigations have been instituted, it has not been possible for the commission to carry the investigation forward to completion. Many of these investigations, including some of unquestioned importance, remain practically dormant for lack of funds. It has been the commission's policy to proceed first with those investigations which seem to be of paramount importance. Upon this principle investigations such as the wheat investigation instituted on November 4, 1923, have been advanced and prosecuted to completion.

This course has necessarily resulted in postponing the prosecution of other investigations which, although not of equal importance, should, nevertheless, be carried on without unnecessary delay. The estimated costs listed in Table IV, therefore, include only a portion of the sums necessary to be appropriated in order to meet the requests referred to in the resolution of the Senate. Not less than \$68,868 additional would be required to complete expeditiously and with thoroughness investigations which have been ordered, but the prosecution of which has been held up through lack of funds. The addition of this sum to the requirements shown by the estimates listed in Table IV would indicate that not less than \$396,000 should be appropriated by Congress in order to meet the legitimate requests of the business interests of the country for trade information and to obtain necessary data concerning tariff adjustments.

So far we have been dealing with requests or applications for investigations under the specific provisions of sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922. These constitute but a part of the investigational duties resting upon the commission under existing law. As will be observed by reference to the commissioner's seventh annual report (pp. 34, 35), President Harding's interpretative statement of April 21, 1923, construed the law as empowering the commission, in cases where no application has been filed, to order formal investigations under section 315 after conference with the President, when required by the facts and the public interest.

President, when required by the facts and the public interest. It should also be noted that by section 317 the commission is directed "at all times to be informed" whether any of the discriminations enumerated in that section are being practiced by any foreign country; also that apart from the special provisions of sections 315, 316, and 317, the provisions of section 318 of the tariff act of 1922 make it the duty of the commission, in addition to the other duties imposed upon it by law, to conduct extensive and detailed investigations into a wide range of subjects concerning conversion costs, selling prices, and other competitive facts with respect to imported articles and similar or comparable articles produced in the United States. Moreover, by the organic act of September 8, 1916 (39 Stats. L. pp. 795-798), the commission is required as a regular part of its functions to investigate the operation and administrative, fiscal, and industrial effects of the customs laws. including their relation to the Federal revenue and their effect upon the industries and labor of the country; the relations between the rates of duty on raw materials and finished or partly finished products; the effects of ad valorem and specific duties and compound specific and ad valorem duties; all questions relative to the arrangements of schedules and classification of articles in the several schedules of the customs law; and to submit reports of its investigations, whenever requested, to the President, either branch of the Congress, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Finance.

It is evident from the foregoing specifications that the due performance of the continuing investigational duties imposed upon the commission constitutes a heavy and constant charge upon the commission's appropriation, irrespective of the commission's obligations under the so-called "flexible provisions" of the tariff act of 1922. It will, furthermore, not be overlooked that it is impossible to forecast the various and far-reaching investigations which the commission, both under its general and its particular responsibilities, will be called upon to conduct in any fiscal year. In fact, the experience of the commission over a substantial series of years justifies the conclusion that the effective discharge of its general and continuing

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duties alone requires an even more liberal appropriation than the Congress, under its economical program, has found it practicable to allow. It clearly follows that the enlarged and special responsibilities imposed on the Tariff Commission by the tariff act of 1922, if they are to be adequately met, should be supported by a supplementary appropriation, more extensive even than the foregoing attempted itemization of pending applications serves to indicate.

III. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUIRED

The third matter concerning which the commission is requested to inform the Senate is what, if any, sum of money should be appropriated in order to meet the legitimate requests of the business interests of the country for trade information and obtain necessary data concerning tariff adjustments.

In direct response to this portion of the resolution, the Tariff Commission reports that, upon the facts set forth above and in the annexed tables, not less than \$396,000 should be appropriated to accomplish the purposes indicated in the resolution.

The items which go to make up this total have already been indicated.

To comply with the requests for investigation upon which the commission has been unable to act for lack of funds, would require, as shown in Table IV, not less than \$180,459 for costs of employees' per diem and traveling expenses in the field. Under the appropria-tion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, the commission has available only \$28,810 for all expenses of this character. There can be no doubt that this relatively small sum will be completely exhausted in the course of investigations to which the commission is already obligated. Therefore this item alone requires a further appropriation of \$180,459. It will also be observed from the figures in Table IV, that not less than \$293,347 would be required to defray salaries and general overhead expenses incident to these same in-vestigations. Part of this expense could, probably, be borne out of the amount already appropriated. Precisely how much it is not possible to say. It may be fairly estimated, however, that at least half of the expenses under this head, resulting from the institution of these additionl investigations, would have to be found outside the present appropriation. To \$180,459, therefore, must be added \$146,673, making a total for these new investigations of \$327,182.

To the figures should be added \$68,868 to defray the expenses of the investigation of vegetable oils and other investigations now in progress, and the additional expenses resulting from the extension of the butter investigation to include Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina. The additional appropriation required is, therefore, not less than \$396,000.

THOMAS O. MARVIN,

Chairman. WILLIAM S. CULBERTSON,

Vice Chairman.

DAVID J. LEWIS, EDWARD P. COSTIGAN,

WM. BURGESS,

HENRY H. GLASSIE,

Commissioners.

TABLE I.—Applications received by the United States Tariff Commission for investigations under provisions of sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922

Paragraph No. Date of Commodity Nature of request Status application SCHEDULE 1.- Chemicals, oils, and paints Sept. 27, 1922 Withdrawn. Investigation ordered. Formic acid..... Increase..... 1..... Oxalic acid do Apr. 4, 1923 Dec. 16, 1922 Jan. 12, 1923 Decrease 1........... Amino acids and salts..... Do. Do. -----1 and 5..... Increase..... Aldehyde derivatives..... Investigation not or-Decrease 2_ dered Barbituric acid Sept. 19, 1922 Duty on Ameri-Investigation ordered. can selling price. Increase Ichthyol Apr. 17, 1923 Investigation not or-5..... dered. Ammonium chloride Oct. 25, 1922 Decrease Do. Oct. 16, 1922 Jan. 22, 1923 Barium peroxide......do Investigation ordered; proclamation by President of increase. Increase..... 12..... Decrease 12..... July 22, 1923 Dec. 1, 1923 Dec. 19, 1922 Apr. 13, 1923 July 2, 1923 Sept. 1, 1922 12..... .do_____ Casein..... Investigation ordered. Do. Do.do..... 19.....do......do...... 19 Duty on Ameri-can selling price. 19..... .do_ Chloral hydrate..... Withdrawn. 24..... Decrease 25. Calcium arsenate..... Jan. 13, 1923 Investigation not ordered. Jan. 17, 1923 May 3, 1923 Nov. 12, 1923 do Do. Investigation ordered. 27_____do...... 27_do...... Do. do Nov. 15, 1923 Nov. 14, 1923do...... 27 ..do_____. Do. 27.....do...... Do.do......... 27.....do.....do...... Do. May 4, 1923 Oct. 14, 1923 27.....do......do...... Do. Do.do.....do..... 27..... 27.....do Novadelox or benzoyl-.....do...... Do. 27.....do..... Investigation not orperoxide. Phenol..... dered. Investigation ordered. Apr. 18, 1923 Sept. 22, 1922 .do..... 27 28..... Biological stains..... Increase..... Investigation not ordered. Pending. Oct. 12, 1922 Dec. 28, 1922 Sept. 28, 1922 Nov. 3, 1922 28..... Certain coal-tar dyes..... Decrease..... 28..... Investigation ordered.do..... Do. Investigation not or-dered. Increase..... 39..... Quebracho extract..... Decrease..... 39.... 42..... Oct. 31, 1922 Do. Agar agar.do..... 42..... Casein glue..... Fish glue.... Aug. 14, 1923 Mar. 1, 1923 Pending. Investigation not or-dered. 42..... Pending July 26, 1923 Mar. 16, 1923 do 50..... Chloride of magnesium Increase..... Investigation ordered. Do. Do Fish oils______ Herring oil______ Decrease..... 53.... 53.... ____do..... do Mar. 10, 1923 Apr. 18, 1923 Dec. 4, 1923 Dec. 22, 1922 Apr. 18, 1923 Whale oil Linseed oildo..... 53..... 54.....do..... Do. 54.....do..... Do. ...do..... do_____ Olive oil_____ Vegctable oils_____ Increase..... Do. *A.....* 54. 54, 65..... Decrease Do. Do. 54, 55..... 54, 55....do.....do...... Do. do Apr. 23, 1923 do Apr. 26, 1923 Apr. 28, 1923 Feb. 2, 1923 Apr. 18, 1923 Apr. 18, 1923do......do....... Do. 54, 55..... 54, 55.... 54, 55.... 54, 55....do.....do...... D٥.do...... Do.do..... Do.do......do Coconut oildo..... Do.do...... Do. 55..... Cottonseed oil..... 55.....do..... Do. Apr. 18, 1923 Apr. 26, 1923 Mar. 15, 1923 Mar. 16, 1923 Apr. 18, 1923 Apr. 26, 1923 May 2, 1923do...... Do. 55..... 55..... Do. Do.do...... 55.....do.......do......... Do. 55..... Cajeput oildo....... Do. Investigation not or. 59.....do......... dered. Mustard oil Duty on Ameri-can selling price. 61..... Oct. 9, 1922 Do. Apr. 17, 1923 Feb. 8, 1923 Jan. 15, 1924 Mar. 24, 1923 Bone black Dестеазе..... 71 Do-Lampblack Oxide of iron Varnish 73..... Increase..... Do. 75..... ...do..... Pending. Decrease..... Do

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TABLE I.—Applications received by the United States Tariff Commission for investigations under provisions of sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922—Continued

Paragraph No.	Commodity	Date of application	Nature of request	Status			
	SCHEDULE 1.— Chemicals, oils, and paints—Continued						
80	Potassium chlorate	Oct. 18, 1922	Decrease	Investigation ordered.			
80	dodo	Feb 1923	Increase	Do.			
80	do	Mar, 7, 1923 Sept. 29, 1922	do	Do.			
83	Formate of soda	Dec. 20, 1923	Decrease	Pending. Do.			
83		Oct. 12, 1922	Increase	Investigation ordered;			
	SCHEDULE 2 Earths, carth-			proclamation by President of increase.			
	enware, and glassware			19			
204	Magnesite	Apr. 30, 1923	Decrease	Investigation ordered Do.			
204	Pumice stone	Aug. 31, 1923 Feb. 28, 1924	do	Pending.			
208	Mica	Dec. 11, 1923	Increase	Do.			
212	Chemical stoneware		Decrease	Do.			
212. 213.		June 7, 1923 Oct. 2, 1922	Increase	Do. Do.			
	dodo	Oct. 2, 1922 Oct. 3, 1922	Increasedo	Do.			
213	do Diamond dyes	Dec. 6, 1922	Decrease	Do.			
	Diamond dyes	Feb. 8, 1923	do	Do.			
229	Electric-light bulbs	Sept. 25, 1922 Dec. 12, 1923	Increasedo	Do Do.			
229	Tringsten electric lamos	May 15, 1923	do	Do.			
230	Mirrors	Nov. 16, 1922	do	Investigation ordered.			
230	Stained-glass windows	Oct. 6, 1922	do	Pending.			
232, 233 235		Feb. 1, 1924 Apr. 16, 1924	do	Do. Do.			
200	ufactured granite	Apr. 10, 1024		100.			
	SCHEDULE 3 Metals and manufactures of						
301	Pig fron	Dec. 13, 1922	Increase	Investigation ordered.			
327	Cast-iron pipe	Dec. 21, 1923	do	Pending.			
828	Corrugated lurnaces	Nov. 22, 1922 May 3, 1923	Decrease	Do.			
340			do	Investigation not or- dered.			
342 343	Umbrella frames Needle cases	Oct. 26, 1922 Mar. 27, 1923	Increase Decrease	Pending. Investigation not ordered.			
344	Fishing tackle	July 9, 1923	Increase				
348	Snap fasteners	Mar. 9, 1923	do	Do.			
355		Jan. 29, 1923	Decrease	Withdrawn.			
358	Razor blades	Oct. 31, 1922	do	Referred to Treasury Department.			
360	Drawing instruments	Sept. 27, 1922	do	Pending.			
360	Scientific instruments	Apr. 23, 1923	do	Investigation not			
360	do	June 15, 1923	do	ordered. Do.			
362	Swiss pattern files	Nov. 22, 1922	Increase	Investigation ordered			
368	Escanaments	Nov. 22, 1922 Dec. 8, 1922 Dec. 30, 1922	Decrease	Pending.			
368	Taximeters.	Dec. 30, 1922	Increase	Investigation ordered			
372	Spindles and flyers	Nov. 22, 1922	do	Investigation not ordered.			
375	Metallic magnesium	May 26, 1923	do	Investigation ordered.			
383	Gold leaf	June 1, 1923	do	Do			
383	Print rollers.	June 6, 1923 Dec. 1, 1922	do	Do. Do,			
399	Aluminum pigeon bands	Dec. 6, 1922	Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Investigation not ordered.			
399	Knife blanks	Oct. 25, 1922	Decrease	Do.			
	SCHEDULE 4.— Wood and manufactures of						
401	Logs, Canadian	Dec. 2, 1922	Decrease	Investigation ordered			
	do	Apr. 30, 1923	do	Do.			
401	do	May 2 1923	do	Do.			
403	Cabinet logs and lumber	Dec. 20, 1922	do	Pending.			
403	Logs, lignum-vitæ	Feb. 5 1923	Increase	Dc. Do,			
403	Logs, lignum-vitæ Veneers of wood	Aug. 14, 1923	do	Do.			
407	Willow furniture	Feb. 14, 1923	Increase	Do.			

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Paragraph No.	Commodity	Date of application	Nature of request	Status
	SCHEDULE 4 Wooland man- ufactures of-Continued			
410 410	Bentwood chairsdo	Apr. 19, 1923 Aug. 11, 1923	Increase Duty on Ameri-	Pending. Do.
	do		can selling price. Increase	Do, Do,
410	Paint-brush handles	Jan. 15, 1923	Decrease	Investigation ordered.
	SCHEDULE 5.—Sugar, molasses, and manufactures of			
502 503		Oct. 3, 1922 Nov. 16, 1922	Decrease	Pending. Investigation ordered.
503	Maple sirup	Apr. 25, 1924	d0	Pending.
504	Rare sugars	Dec. 16, 1922	Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Investigation ordered.
701		Oct. 2, 1922	Decrease	Pending.
701	do	Jan. 5, 1924	Increase	Do,
701	Meat. Tallow		Decrease	Do. Investigation ordered.
701 1	Butter	Apr. 18, 1923 Mar. 10, 1924	Increase	Do. Pending.
709.	do	May 5, 1924	do	Do.
709	Wild or game birds	May 23, 1924 Oct. 31, 1922	Decrease	Do. Investigation not or-
			_	dered.
711	do. ¹ Sorghum seed Fish	Oct. 25, 1922	do	Do. Pending.
717, 718	Fish	Jan. 5, 1923 Feb. 9, 1924	Increase	Do. Do.
720, 721	Fish, canned	Sept. 28, 1922	Decrease	D0. D0.
723	Buckwheat	Jan. 24, 1924 Apr. 28, 1924	Increase	Do. Do.
729	Fish, canned. Fish, canned. Buckwheat Alimentary pastes. Wheat.	Nov. 1, 1923	do do	Investigation finished and proclamation is- sued by President changing the duties.
729	do	Nov. 28, 1923	do	Do.
736	do Raspberries, wild Cherries, glace	Feb. 23, 1924	Decrease	Pending. Do.
742	Currants	July 5, 1923 Jan. 31, 1923	Increase Adjustment of rates.	Do. Do.
746		Oct. 26, 1923	Decrease	Do.
746 749	do Plantains	Apr. 29, 1924 Oct. 23, 1922	Increase Decrease	Do. Investigation not or-
				dered.
751	Flowers, cut Coconuts, desiccated	Nov. 24, 1922 Sept. 23, 1922	Increase	Pending. Do.
757		May 2, 1923 Sept. 26, 1922	Decrease	Do.
		1.1816.0	do	dered.
760	do do Flaxseed	Nov. 11, 1922 Dec. 21, 1922	do do	Do. Do.
760	Flaxseed	Nov. 28, 1923	Increase	Pending.
76 2 76 6	Onion seed Mushrooms	Oct. 16, 1922 Oct. 17, 1922	Decreasodo	Do. Do.
766	do	Feb. 21, 1923	do	Do.
772 778	Cabbage Hops	Dec. 8, 1922 Mar. 21, 1923	Increase Decrease	Do. Do.
778	do	Apr. 9, 1923	do	Do.
778 778	do	Apr. 11, 1923	do	Do. Do.
779	Cloves	Sept. 30, 1922	do	Do,
	SCHEDULE 9.— Cotton manu- factures			
903-906	Cotton shirtings	Sept. 9, 1922	Decrease	Pending.
912. 913.	Spreads and quilts Woven labels	Oct. 19, 1922 Dec. 12, 1923	Duty on Amer-	Withdrawn. Pending.
Ψ1Ų	11 07 CH IGUCIG	LTCL, 14, 1960	ican selling price.	

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115 other applications on the same commodity.

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Paragraph No.	Commodity	Date of application	Nature of request	Status
	SCHEDULE 9.—Cotton manu- factures—Continued			
918 916	Fabric gloves Hosiery	Jan. 16, 1923 Jan. 15, 1923	Increase Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Investigation ordered. Do.
921. 908, 904, 906, 921.	Heavy coat lining Cotton goods	May 7, 1924 May 12, 1924	Increasedo	Pending. Do,
	SCHEDULE 10.—Flax, hemp, or jute, and manufactures of			
1001	do	Feb. 25, 1924	Decreasedo	Do.
1001 1022	Hemp Rice straw rugs	Mar. 12, 1923 Jan. 17, 1924	Increasedo	
	SCHEDULE 11.—Wool and manufactures of			
1101	Wools, Class III	do	Decroasedo	Pending. Do.
1101	do	Sept. 27, 1922	do	
1119	Wool crepe	Sept. 5, 1923	Increase	
	SCHEDULE 13.— Papers and books	-		
1305. 1307, 1308	Paper with coated surface Papeteries	Aug. 14, 1923 May 5, 1924	Decrease Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Pending. Do.
1310	Maps	Dec. 1, 1922	Decrease	
1310	Rag books Wall pockets	Dec. 15, 1922 Nov. 8, 1922	do Increa se	Do. Investigation ordered,
	SCHEDULE 14.—Sundries			in our gamer of acrea,
1401	Asbestos shingles	Apr. 13, 1923	Increase	Investigation not or- dered.
1408, 430	Beaded bags Harvest hats	Oct. 28, 1922	Decrease Classification	Pending. Do.
1406	Men's sewed straw hats	Sept. 1, 1923	Increase	Investigation ordered.
1411	Agate button molds	Jan. 16, 1923 Mar. 23, 1923		Do .
1411	Artificial flowers	Mar. 23, 1923 Sept. 21, 1922	Increase	
1419	Artificial flowers Immortelles	Oct. 31, 1922	Decrease	included with artifi- cial flowers.
1420	Furs and fur skins.	Oct. 25, 1922 May 4, 1923	Increase Decrease	Withdrawn. Pending.
	Hatters' fur and rabbit skins. Trimmed hats		do	Investigation not or- dered.
1428	Mesh bagsdo	Aug. 25, 1923 Nov. 26, 1923	Increase Decrease	
1430	Lace curtains	Nov. 11, 1922	do	Investigation ordered
1430	Mosquito bars Buckskin	Oet. 23, 1922 Jan. 16, 1923	do	Do. Pending.
1431	Pigskin	Mar. 5, 1923	Reclassification	Referred to Treasury Department
1432 1432	Leather leggins Moccasins	Mar. 26, 1924 Nov. 25, 1922	Increase Decrease	Pending. Investigation not or- dered.
1433	Leather gloves	Oct. 6, 1922	Olassification	Pending.
1434	Raw gut Gas mantles	Oct. 17, 1922 Sept. 28, 1922	Decreasedo	Do. Do.
	do	Sept. 13, 1923	Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Do.
1443 1443	Pipe organs Titz-Kunst-harmonium	Sept 26, 1922 Dec. 14, 1922	Increase	Do. Investigation not or- dered.
1443	Violins.	Oct 30, 1922	do	Do.
1451	Crayons or fusains		do	Pending. Do.

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TABLE I.—Applications received by the United States Tariff Commission for investigations under provisions of sections \$15, \$16, \$17, and \$18 of the tariff act of 1922—Continued

Paragraph No.	Commodity	Date of application	Nature of request	Status		
1451 1451 1451 1453 1453 1454	Cameras Motion-picture films	Apr. 27, 1923 June 7, 1923 Oct. 26, 1923 Feb. 29, 1924	Adjustment of rates. Incresse. Duty on Ameri- can selling price.	Do. Do. Investigation not or dered. Pending.		
1504 1607 1662	Cream separators Shoes. Dried shrimp	May 18, 1923	Decrease Increasedo	No jurisdictio n. Do. Do.		

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 315-Continued

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 316

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	SCHEDULE 1.— Chemicals, oils, and paints			
1, 9	Tartaric acid	Mar. 12, 1923		Pending.
	SCHEDULE 3.— Metals and manufactures of		dumping.	
366	Revolvers	May 28, 1923	Protection	Investigation ordered
	SCHKDULK 4.— Wood and manufactuers of			
410	Canadian logs	Sept. 20, 1923	Investigation re	Pending.
	SCHEDULE 14Sundries		dumping.	
1439 1454	Returned A. E. F. tires Briarwood pipes	Oct. 30, 1922 Jan. 4, 1923	Hearing re duty Increase	Investigation ordered
1 543, 20 5	Portland cement	May 5, 1924	Investigation re unfair competi- tion.	and hearing held. Pending.
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APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 317

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	SCHEDULE 1.— Chemicals, oils, and paints			
50 54 55 80, 83 80, 83 80, 83 80, 83	Magnesium carbonate Olive ofl Cottonseed oll Bichromatesdo do do	Nov. 15, 192 May 19, 192 Jan. 10, 192 Oct. 26, 192 Oct. 30, 192 Nov. 29, 192 Dec. 29, 192	discrimination. do	Pending. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.
	SCHEDULE 3.— Metals and manufactures of			
309	Automobiles	Oct. 24, 192	2 Investigation re discrimination.	Pending.

TABLE I.—Applications received by the United States Tariff Commission for investigations under provisions of sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922—Continued

Paragraph No.	Commodity	Date of application	Nature of request	Status
1633	SCREDULE 16.—Free Nat Refined oll and gasoline SCHEDULE 17.—Free list	Dec. 13, 1924	Investigation re discrimination.	Pending.
1700	Flooring	Mar. 24, 1923	Investigation re	Pending.
	Treaty between France and	June 16, 1923	discrimination.	Do
	Guatemala. Discrimination in Australian	Nov. 30, 1923	do	Do.
	tariff. Nitrogen products Yachts	Nov. 10, 1923 Oct. 26, 1922		Do. Do.

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APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 318

	SCHEDULE 1. — Chemicals, oils, and paints			
26 26	Thymol and thymol crystals.	Mar. 17, 1923 Mar. 20, 1923	Increasedo	Investigation ordered Do.

TABLE II.—Investigations instituted under sections \$15, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922 and present status thereof

Schedule	Para- graph No.	Commodity	Date ordered	Present status
Schedule 1, chemicals, oils and paints.	1 1, δ δ	Diethyl barbituric acid and derivatives there-	1923 Mar. 27 Aug. 11 Mar. 27	Final report before commission. Investigation temporarily sus- pended. Final report before commission.
	12	of (barbital). Barium dioxide	đo	Report submitted to President May 14, 1924. President pro- claimed increase in duty from 4 cents to 6 cents per pound May 19, 1924.
	19 27 28 39	Caseln Phenol. Cresylic acid Synthetic phenolic resin . Logwood extract	do May 4 do Mar. 27	Preliminary statement in prepa- ration. Final report in preparation. Do. Investigation temporarily sus pended. Final report before commission.
Schedule 7, agricultural products and provi- sions. Schedule 1, chemicals,	58, 54 55, 701 54	Animal and vegetable) oils and fats. ¹ Linseed or flaxseed oil	1924 }Feb. 8 1923 May 4	Plan for investigation approved. Final report in preparation.
olis, and paints.	80 83	Potassium chlorate Sodium nitrite	Mar. 27	Final report before commission. Report submitted to President Apr. 26, 1923. President pro- claimed increase in duty from 8 cents to 44 cents per pound May 6, 1924.

1 Includes 10 oils upon which specific application has been made.

Schedule	Para- graph No.	Commodity	Date ordered	Present status
		SEC. 315	1923	
Schedule 2, earths, earth- enware, and glassware.	{204 201 222	Magnesite and magne- site brick. Cast polished plate glass (extension of mirror		[Investigation temporarily sus- pended. Prelininary report in prepara- tion.
	223	plate investigation). Mirror plates	Mar. 27	Preliminary report in prepara- tion.
Schedule 3, metals and manufactures of.	801	Pig iron		Investigation temporarily suspended.
	362 368	Swiss pattern files Taximeters	do May 4	Report being prepared by expert. Final report being prepared by commodity experts.
	375	Metallic Magnesium	July 27	Investigation temporarily sus- pended.
	383	Gold leaf	1924 Apr. 5 1923	Plans for investigation approved Apr. 29, 1924; field work begun.
Schedule 4, wood and manufactures of	396 401	Print rollers. Logs of fir, spruce, cedar, and western hemlock.	May 4 July 2	Final report before commission. Preliminary hearing held Aug. 6, 1293, in re authority of com- mission to investigate this paragraph. Oct. 12, 1923, re- ported to President and in- vestigation discontinued; Apr. 5, 1924, investigation ordered at request of President. (See seventh annual report, pp. 13, 14, 72-85.)
Schedule 5, sugar, mo- lasses, and manufac-	410 501	Paintbrush handles Sugar	Mar. 20 Mar. 20	Final report before commission. Final report being prepared by experts.
tures of.	504	Rare sugars	Aug. 11	Investigation temporarily suspended.
Schedule 7, agricultural products and provi- sions.	729, 730	Wheat and wheat prod- ucts.	Nov. 4	Report sent to President Mar. 4, 1924. President proclaimed change of rate of duty on wheat from 30 cents to 42 cents per bushel; wheat flour, semolina, etc., from 78 cents to \$1.04 per 100 pounds; bran, shorts, and by-product feeds, from 15 per cent ad valorem to 74 per cent ad valorem.
Schedule 9, cotton manu- factures.	}	Cotton gloves of warp- knit fabric.	Mar. 27	Final report being prepared by experts.
Schedule 14, sundries Schedule 9, cotton manu- factures.) 1430 915 916	Cotton warp-knit fabric. Cotton hosiery	Mar. 27 Mar. 27	Do. Final report in preparation.
Schedule 14, sundries Schedule 13, papers and	920 1430 1313	Lace ¹	1	Field work (foreign and domes- tic) in progress. Final report before commission.
books. Schedule 14, sundries	1419	Artificial flowers, ² fruits, etc.	Mar. 27	Investigation temporarily sus- pended (lack of funds).
	1454	Smokers' articles of syn- thetic phenolic resin.	May 4	Investigation temporarily sus- pended.
i	1406	Men's sewed straw hats.	1924 May 29	Plan of investigation approved
		SECS. 316, 317, 318	1923	
Schedule 1, chemicals, oils, and paints.	26	Thymol and thymol crystals.	Aug. 7	Completed.
Schedule 3, metals and manufactures of.	366	Certain Spanish revolv- ers alleged to be man- ufactured in simula- tion of the Smith & Wesson product.	1924 June 3	Hearing ordered.
Schedule 14, sundries	1454	Brierwood pipes	1923 May 4	Hearing held.

TABLE II.—Investigations instituted under sections 315, 316, 317, and 318 of the tariff act of 1922 and present status thereof—Continued

² Includes applications on lace and mosquito bars. ²Includes two applications upon specific commodities.

Schedule	l`ara- graph No.	Commodity	Status
Schedule 1, chemicals, oils, and paints.	1 2	Formic acid. Aldehyde derivatives	Withdrawn. Commission voted no investigation warranted at present time.
	5	Ichthyol	Do.
	7 24	Ammonium chloride Chloral hydrate	Do. Withdrawn.
	25	Calcium arsenate	Possible production in this country
	27	Novadelox	small. Commission voted no investigation
	28	Biological stains	warranted at present time. Informally suspended.
	39	Quebracho extract	Do
	42	Agar agar	No domestic production; informally suspended.
	42	Fish glue	Commission voted no investigation warranted at present time.
	59	Caleput oil	Informally suspended.
	61 71	Mustard oil Boneblack	Do. Commission voted no investigation
		and the first second	warranted at present time.
Schedule 3, metals and	73 327	Lampblack Cast iron pipe	Do. Not a bona fide application
manufactures of	340	Jeweler's saws	Commission voted no investigation
	343	Needle cases	warranted at present time Informally suspended.
	355	Cutlery of stainless steel.	Withdrawn.
	358	Razor blades	Referred to Treasury Department.
	360 372	Scientific instruments Spindles and flyers	Informally suspended. Do.
	399	Aluminum pigeon bands	Do.
Schedule 4, wood and manu-	399 410	Knife blanks Bentwood chairs	Do. Commission voted no investigation
factures of.			warranted at present time.
Schedule 7, agricultural products and provisions.	711	Wild or game birds	Informally suspended; no commercial production in the United States.
products and provisions.	712	Sorghum seed	Informally saspended.
	749 760	Plantains Cottonseed	Do. Commission voted no investigation
		Cottonseed	warranted at present time.
O he dela Constant monutor	772	Cabbage	Informally suspended.
Schedule 9, cotton manufac- tures.	912	Spreads and quilts	Withdrawn.
Schedule 11, wool and man- ufactures of.	1108	Bedford cord	Informally suspended.
Schedule 14, sundries	1401	Asbestos shingles	Do.
	1406 1410	Harvest hats	Referred to Treasury Department. Informally suspended.
	1420	Furs and fur skins	Withdrawn.
	1427	Ladies' trimmed hats	Commission voted no investigation warranted at present time.
	1428	Mesh bags	Do.
	1431 1431	Pigskin Buckskin	- Referred to Treasury Department. Informally suspended.
	1432	Moccasins	Do.
	1443 1443	Titz-Kunstharmonium	Do.
	1443	Violins. Cameras	Do. Do.
Schedule 15, free list	1504	Cream separators	No jurisdiction
Schedule 16, free list	1607 1662	Shoes Dried shrimp	On free list. Do.
1	1002	Yachts.	Free or dutiable according to method
1			of transportation

TABLE III.—Subjects not listed for investigations under section 315

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				Estima ducti gatio	ng each	of con- investi-
Para- graph No.	Commodity	Nature of request	Reason formal inves- tigation was not in- stituted	salaries, per	Cost of salaries and 20 per cent over- head only	per diem
	SCHEDULE 1.— Chemicals, oils, and paints					
28 42	Certain coal-tar dyes Casein glue	Decreasedo	No domestic produc-	\$5, 532	\$3, 772	\$1, 760
50 75 77 83	Chloride of magnesium Oxide of iron. Varnish. Formate of soda	Decrease			4 , 788	2, 340
83	Salt	Decrease	No tariff problem			
	SCHEDULE 2.—Earths, earthenware, and glass- ware			1		
206 208 212 212 212 213	Pumice stone Mica Chemical stoneware China. Graphite Diamond dies	Increase Decrease		9,732	5, 168 5, 872 4, 220 18, 548 8, 680	3,040 3,860 2,500 11,740 6,200
214	and a second of the second states of the		tion		•••••	•••••
229 229 230 232, 233 235	Electric light bulbs Tungsten electric lights Stained glass windows Finished marble. Granite and manufac- tures of.	}Increasedod		15, 000 9, 096 9, 456 7, 848	9, 100 5, 816 5, 876 4, 908	5, 900 3, 280 3, 580 2, 940
	SCHEDULE 3. — Metals and manufactures of					
328 342 344 348 360 360	Corrugated furnaces Umbrella frames Fishing tackle Snap fasteners. Drawing instruments Clock escapements	do		2. 220 I	1, 644 1, 664 1, 320 1, 620 1, 290	1, 020 1, 120 900 920 750
	SCHEDULE 4.— Wood and manufactures of		ranted.			
403	Cabinet logs and lumber		tion.			
403 403	Logs, lignum vitae Vencers of wood Willow furniture	do	Imports small		•••••	
407	SCHEDULE 5.—Sugar, mo- lasses, and manufac- lures of	Increase		5, 952	3, 592	2, 360
502 503		Decreasedo		3, 336 3, 144	1, 756 2, 024	1, 580 1, 120
	SCHEDULE 7.—Agricul- tural products and pro- visions					
701	Cattle	Increase	}	37, 944	24, 624	13, 320
701 709	Meat Butter			36, 936 37, 380	22, 656 21, 980	14, 280 15, 400
717, 718 720, 721	Butter Fish, fresh Fish, prepared	do	}	13, 080	21, 050 8, 180	4,900
723 725	Alimentary pastes	increase		13, 680 8, 376	8, 280 4, 930	5, 100 3, 110
736	Wild raspberries	Decrease	Difficult to obtain costs.	4, 934	2, 714	2, 220

TABLE IV.—Commodities upon which applications have been received but concerning which investigations have not been instituted, and estimated expense of conducting each investigation

Para- graph No.	Commodity	Nature of request	Reason formal inves- tigation was not in- stituted	Estimated cost of con- ducting each investi- gation		
				Total cost, in- cluding salaries, per diem, travel, and 20 per cent over- head	Cost of salaries and 20 per cent over- head	per diem
<u></u>	SCHEDULE 7.— Agricul- tural products and pro- visions—Continued					
746	Pineapples	Decrease	}	\$8, 124	\$5,004	\$3, 120
751 756 757 760	Cut flowers. Desiccated coconuts Peanuts.	Decrease		2,052 6,312	1,092 3,652 11,912 12,904	960 2, 660 7, 960 8, 120
762 766 778	Flaxseed Onionseed Mushrooms Hops	Decreasedo	No domestic produc-	}14, 400	8, 600	5, 800
779	Cloves	do		,		
903, 906	manufactures Cotton shirtings	Decrease				
903, 904	Cotton cloth		}	36, 912	25, 152	11, 760
906, 921 913	Cotton woven labels	Duty on American selling price.		10, 188	6, 348	3, 84 0
921	Heavy coat lining SCHEDULE 10Flax,		Incl. in cotton cloth and cotton shirtings.			
1001	hemp, jute, and manu- factures of Crin vegetal	Decrease	No companyble domos			
	Homp	Decrease	tie product.			
1001 1022	Homp Rice straw rugs SCHEDULE 11.— Wool and manufactures of	Increasedo		9, 336 11, 868	5,856 7,028	8, 480 4, 840
1101 1101	Camel hair	Decrease				
1119	Wool crêpe					
	SCHEDULE 13.—Papers and books					8
1305	Paper with coated surfaces	Decrease	Imports small			
1308	Papeteries	Selling price.	}	8, 208	4, 968	3, 240
1310	Paper with coated surfaces Papeterics	do	mports small	2, 532	1, 372	1, 160
1403 1430 1411	Beaded bags Agate button molds	Decrease	No domestic produc-	2, 452	1, 659	793
	Hatters' fur and rabbit	`	tion.			
1421 1432	∫ skin. Leather leggins	1		3, 688 2, 560	2, 365 1, 677	1, 323 883
1433	Raw gut	New classification. Decrease		2, 620	1,687	933
1435	Gas mantles			3, 628	2,355	1, 273
1443	Pipe organs Crayons or fusains	Decrease	No domestic produc-	4,072	2,679	1, 393
1453	Motion-picture films		tion	3, 060	2, 009	1, 051
	Estimated cost of con	ducting investigation	ns not ordered 1	473, 8 06	293, 347	180, 45

TABLE IV.—Commodities upon which applications have been received but concerning which investigations have not been instituted, and estimated expense of conducting each investigation—Continued

¹ Does not include investigations under secs. 316, 317, 318. Estimated expense of these investigation should be added.

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