
Cable Retransmission Rights

The Canadian Copyright Board released its decision on retransmission rights for distant signals on October 2nd. The Board decided on a level of royalties of approximately \$50 million for 1990 (retroactive to January 1) and the same for 1991.

Five appeals were lodged with Cabinet, one of them by the Canadian Cable Television Association. On December 28th, 1990, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada issued a press release stating that the Board's decision will not be varied and the government intends to issue criteria for use by the Board in future decisions. Two appeals on still-undisclosed legal grounds are pending with the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.

Ball Bearings

As the result of a series of 1989 investigations, there are already nine anti-dumping and two countervailing duty orders in place on U.S. imports of ball bearings. In its February 13th petition, Torrington Ltd., of Torrington, Connecticut alleged that multinational companies already subject to anti-dumping and countervailing duties are circumventing the orders by shifting production to subsidiaries in various countries, including Canada. Both Canadian companies identified in the petition, namely Fag Bearings of Stratford, Ontario and NTN Bearing of Mississauga, Ontario, are subsidiaries of West German and Japanese producers respectively. There are several other smaller Canadian exporters with which we have been in contact. Canada, which exported an estimated \$60 million worth of ball bearings to the United States in 1990, is the most significant foreign supplier to the United States not covered by an existing anti-dumping or countervailing duty order.

Now that the Department of Commerce has initiated an investigation, the U.S. International Trade Commission has until March 31st to make a preliminary determination. If the preliminary determination is affirmative, Commerce has 160 days from the receipt of the petition to make a preliminary determination of dumping. This would be followed by a final determination of dumping and a final determination of injury.