

Article 23 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU). If, at the conclusion of dispute settlement proceedings, the WTO Dispute Settlement Body finds that Japanese government acts, policies or practices violate, or are inconsistent with, the provisions of, or otherwise deny benefits accruing to the United States under, any of the WTO agreements, and, unless Japan is taking satisfactory measures to grant the rights of the United States under the WTO agreements, has agreed to eliminate or phase out the affected act, policy or practice, or agreed to an imminent satisfactory solution to the burden or restriction on U.S. commerce, or provided satisfactory compensatory trade benefits, the United States shall take action under section 301 in accordance with the DSU.

(2)(a) The United States will request consultations immediately with the Government of Japan pursuant to arrangements for consultations on restrictive business practices adopted by the GATT Contracting Parties in 1960 and carried forward into the WTO; (b) in light of Prime Minister Hashimoto's statements of his personal commitment and the series of commitments made by the Government of Japan under the Structural Impediments Initiative and the Joint Statement on the U.S.-Japan Framework for a New Economic Partnership to strengthen the Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC) and enforcement of Japan's competition laws, the United States (i) is requesting that Kodak provide information for submission to the JFTC concerning certain anticompetitive practices in the Japanese consumer photographic materials market, and (ii) will provide information to the JFTC to enforce competition laws in the consumer photographic materials markets; (c) the Department of Justice will seek to cooperate with the JFTC in its review of evidence of anticompetitive practices in the Japanese market and in consideration of remedial actions, as appropriate, and USTR will consult with the Department of Justice in assessing efforts of the JFTC to enforce competition laws in Japan's photographic materials market; and (d) the United States will study the extent to which Japan's market structure for consumer photographic materials distorts competition or causes economic harm in the United States and in third markets and consider any appropriate responses.

At the appropriate time, based on developments in these consultations and proceedings, the USTR will consider what further action needs to be

taken to ensure that barriers in the Japanese consumer photographic materials sector are eliminated.

Irving A. Williamson,
Chairman, Section 301 Committee.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Currently Approved Information Collection: RI 38-45

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of a currently approved information collection, RI 38-45, We Need the Social Security Number of the Person Named Below, is used by the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to identify the records of individuals with similar or the same names. It is also needed to report payments to the Internal Revenue Service.

We estimate 3,000 RI 38-45 forms are completed annually. Each form takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 250 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jimfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. A96-18; Order No. 1116]

Trevett, Maine 04571 (Arthur W. Ridlon, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued: June 12, 1996.

Docket Number: A96-18.

Name of Affected Post Office: Trevett, Maine 04571.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Arthur W. Ridlon.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: June 10, 1996.

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].
2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission orders:

(a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by June 25, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the Federal Register.