

regional and local governments or the private sector. At its 12th Plenary meeting in September 1996, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) approved additional guidance with respect to the methodologies to inventory greenhouse gas emissions. We anticipate that these revised methodologies will be approved at the next session of the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) when it meets in December 1996. We intend to follow both sets of guidelines, to the extent possible, in the preparation of the second USCAR.

Public Input Process

The comments received in response to this Federal Register notice will be considered in the preparation of the second national communication. We invite contributions and comments on all aspects of the USCAR and in particular, on issues related to regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change.

DATES: Written comments on the first USCAR should be received on or before noon, January 2, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because of a carefully planned timetable for the report's preparation in anticipation of the April 15, 1997 due date.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, OES/EGC Room 4330, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818. Copies of the First National Communication may be obtained from the Internet (text only) at the following address: (ftp://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/gpo_bbs/dos_env/lclimate.txt), or by contacting the Government Printing Office (ISBN 0-16-045214-7).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice of Out-of-Cycle Country Eligibility Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the deadline for the submission of petitions for an out-of-cycle GSP Review of country eligibility. The deadline is Friday, February 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. Telephone: (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Announcement of 1997 Out-of-Cycle GSP Country Eligibility Review

The U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program provides for the duty free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. GSP is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*). The GSP program was implemented by Executive Order 11888 of November 14, 1975, and modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations. The GSP regulations provide for annual reviews unless otherwise specified by Federal Register notice (15 CFR 2007.3 *et seq.*). The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) hereby gives notice that an out-of-cycle country eligibility review will be conducted in 1997. No annual country eligibility review was initiated at the normal time in 1996 since the GSP program was suspended. Moreover, public interest has been expressed in support of delinking the time table for the annual product reviews and country eligibility reviews. No decision has been made to permanently alter the schedule. However, the TPSC has decided to provide for an out-of-cycle country eligibility review at this time. Notice is hereby given, therefore, that in order to be considered in the 1997 out-of-cycle country eligibility review, all petitions containing requests to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee no later than 5 p.m., Friday February 28, 1997. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

Interested parties or foreign governments may submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country reviewed with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Petitions should be addressed to the GSP Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative,

600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. All such submissions must conform with the GSP regulations which are set forth at 15 CFR 2007. These regulations were published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, February 11, 1986 (51 FR 5035). The regulations are also printed in "A guide to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)", (August 1991) ("GSP Guide"). Information submitted will be subject to public inspection by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room, except for the information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. An original and fourteen (14) copies of each petition must be submitted in English. If the petition contains business confidential information and a party is requesting an exemption from public inspection for this information, each page containing such information should be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page, and an original and fourteen (copies) of this business confidential version of the petition must be submitted together with a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). This version and the nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection.

Petitioners are strongly advised to review the GSP regulations. Petitioners are reminded that submissions that do not provide all information required by the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required. These requirements will be strictly enforced.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 12/6/96

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-96-1996.

Date filed: December 2, 1996.