

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Identifications of Countries Under
Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974:
Request for Public Comment**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public concerning acts, policies, and practices to be considered with respect to identification of countries under section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. 19 U.S.C. 2242. In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of the countries identified should be designated as priority foreign countries. Priority foreign countries typically are subject to a "special" 301 investigation of the acts, policies or practices which led to their designation. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Papovich, Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864; Claude Burcky, Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864; or Thomas Robertson, Associate General Counsel (202) 395-6800, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act, the USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are

to be identified as priority foreign countries.

USTR may not identify a country as a priority foreign country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting United States cultural industries. The USTR is obligated to identify any act, policy or practice of Canada which affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The identification of any such act, policy or practice shall have the same status as a priority foreign country designation under section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act (i.e., the rules regarding initiation of a "special" 301 investigation will apply), unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to section 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications and designations within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, i.e., no later than April 30, 1997. Priority foreign countries typically are subject to a "special" 301 investigation of the acts, policies or practices which led to their designation.

Requirements for Submissions: Submissions should include a description of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Submissions should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies and practices. Any submissions that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses. Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b)(55) FR 20593 and must be sent to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 223, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20508, no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 18, 1997. Because submissions will be placed in a file open to public inspection at USTR, business-confidential information should not be submitted.

Public Inspection of Submissions: Within one business day of receipt, submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR Reading Room, in Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping
Requirements; Agency Information
Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICR) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on October 22, 1996 [FR 61, page 54833].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 7, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Judith Street, Federal Aviation Administration, Corporate Information Division, ABC-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., (202) 267-9895, Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

1. *Title:* Transition to an all Stage 3 Fleet operating in the 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia.

OMB No. 2120-0553.

Type of Request: Extension of A Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: U.S. and foreign air carriers.

Abstract: 14 CFR Part 91 implements Sections 9308 and 9309 of the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, by establishing a schedule of reductions of Stage 2 airplanes and prohibiting their use in the contiguous U.S. after 12/31/99. Also, it precludes the operation of airplanes in the contiguous U.S. that