

(202) 482-0609 or Bill Daley, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC 2 will hold a meeting on December 10, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that part of this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. During the discussion of such matters, the meeting will be closed to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. when other trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Pate Felts,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. 301-105]

**Termination of Section 302
Investigation: Practices of the
Government of Turkey Regarding the
Imposition of a Discriminatory Tax on
Box Office Revenues**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of termination and monitoring.

SUMMARY: On June 12, 1996, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) initiated an investigation under section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2412(b)(1)), with respect to certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Turkey that may result

in the discriminatory treatment of U.S. films in Turkey. Following consultations with the United States under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Turkey agreed to equalize any tax imposed on box office receipts from the showing of domestic and imported films. Having reached a satisfactory resolution of the issues under investigation, the USTR has determined to terminate this section 302 investigation and monitor implementation of the agreement under section 306 of the Trade Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This investigation was terminated on December 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Section 301 Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 223, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen R. Fox, Deputy Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864, or Geralyn Ritter, Assistant General Counsel (202) 395-6800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 1996, the USTR initiated an investigation under section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act with respect to whether certain laws and regulations of the Government of Turkey affecting the taxation of box office revenues generated from the showing of foreign-origin films that may result in the discriminatory treatment of U.S. films in Turkey are actionable under section 301(a). See 61 FR 30646 of June 17, 1996. The investigation specifically considered whether Turkey's Law on Municipal Revenues (Law No. 2464) which imposes a 25% municipality tax on box office revenues generated from the showing of foreign films, but not the revenue generated from the showing of domestic films is inconsistent with Turkey's obligations under Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), administered by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Pursuant to section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR requested consultations with the Government of Turkey under the procedures of the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU).

Resolution of Dispute

In consultations between the Government of the United States and the Government of Turkey on July 23, 1996 under the WTO DSU procedures, Turkey agreed to equalize, as soon as reasonably possible, any tax imposed in Turkey on box office receipts from the showing of domestic and imported films. Based on these consultations,

Turkey and the United States notified the WTO Dispute Settlement Body on July 14, 1997 that they have agreed to terminate consultations on this matter and that the United States has formally withdrawn this matter from further attention under the provisions of the DSU. On the basis of the measures Turkey has agreed to undertake in order to provide a satisfactory resolution to the matter under investigation, the USTR has decided to terminate this section 302 investigation. Pursuant to section 306 of the Trade Act, the USTR will monitor Turkey's implementation of its obligations under Article III of the GATT 1994 with respect to taxation of box offices revenues generated by the showing of domestic and imported films.

Irving A. Williamson,

Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

**Environmental Impact Statement—
Outer Connector**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice is to extend the comment period on the Draft EIS for the Outer Connector in the Counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford from November 28, 1997, to December 31, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. J. Bruce Turner, Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration, 1504 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 205, Richmond, Virginia 23229, telephone (804) 281-5111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Transportation, has determined that it is in the public interest to extend the comment period for this draft environmental impact statement.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

Issued on November 26, 1997.

J. Bruce Turner,

Transportation Planner, Richmond, Virginia.

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