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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2860]

The Office of Overseas Schools; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; the FS-573 (Overseas Schools Questionnaire), FS-573A (Information Regarding Professional Staff Members of Overseas Schools), FS-573B (Overseas School Summary Budget Information), and the FS-574 (Request for Assistance)

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collections described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Overseas Schools Questionnaire.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Information Regarding Professional Staff Members of Overseas Schools.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573A.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Overseas School Summary Budget Information.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573B.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Request for Assistance.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-574.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management Branch, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

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Chief Information Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice of the Results of the 1997 Annual Review and 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews; Designation of Associations of Countries for Treatment as One Country

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the GSP changes.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the disposition of the petitions accepted for review in the 1997 Annual Review of the GSP program, the results of the 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews, exclusions for products that exceeded the GSP competitive need limitations (CNLs), and the designation of the three associations of African countries each as eligible for treatment as a single country for purposes of the rule of origin requirements of the GSP program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, D.C. 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971. A press release on the GSP changes covered by this notice is available through the USTR Fax Retrieval System (202) 395-4809, or by contracting the USTR Office of the Public and Media Affairs at (202) 395-3230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP is provided for in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461-2465) (the 1974 Act). The President's decisions concerning the GSP changes addressed in this notice are also reflected in Proclamation No. 7107 of June 30, 1998. Unless otherwise specified, the changes in the GSP program addressed in this notice took effect on July 1, 1998.

In the 1997 Annual Review, the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee accepted for review fifteen petitions to designate as eligible for GSP treatment certain articles that currently are designated as GSP eligible articles only from least-developed beneficiary developing countries, one petition to withdraw GSP eligibility for a certain article; and ten petitions for CNL waivers (62 FR 43408 and 62 FR 50426). The disposition of these petitions is indicated in Annex I of this notice.

In the 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews, the appraised import values during 1997 of each GSP-eligible article were reviewed to