

the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before January 22, 1999, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESS: Comments must be submitted to Sandy McKinzy, Litigation Assistant, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 122, Attn: Mexico-HFCS Dispute, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mélida Hodgson, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 395-3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 8, 1998, the United States requested the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel to examine whether Mexico's final antidumping measure, including actions preceding this measure, is inconsistent with the GATT 1994 and the Antidumping Agreement. On November 25, 1998, the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) established a panel to examine the U.S. complaint. Under normal circumstances, the panel, which will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations within six months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States and Legal Basis of Complaint

In February 1997, at the request of the Mexican Chamber of Sugar and Alcohol Industries (the sugar producers), the Mexican Secretariat of Commerce and Industrial Development (SECOFI) initiated an antidumping investigation of imports of HFCS from the United States. In January 1998, subsequent to the imposition of provisional antidumping duties, SECOFI made a final determination that imports of HFCS from the United States were being dumped in Mexico, and that these imports were threatening the Mexican sugar industry, and it therefore levied antidumping duties against U.S. exporters.

The USTR believes that these measures are inconsistent with key provisions of the WTO agreements in several respects, including the following:

- SECOFI's notice of initiation of an antidumping investigation did not provide adequate information summarizing the factors on which the allegation of threat of material injury was based;
- The evidence in the application alleging threat of material injury was

insufficient to justify initiation of an investigation;

- In its final determination of threat of material injury to the sugar industry, Mexico failed to properly examine, and determine, the likely impact of dumped HFCS imports on the Mexican sugar industry;
- Mexico's determination that there was a likelihood of substantially increased imports or that further dumped imports were imminent was flawed;
- Mexico's application and administration of provisional antidumping measures was inconsistent with the Antidumping Agreement; and
- U.S. exporters were denied a full opportunity to defend their interests during the pendency of Mexico's investigation

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter.

Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

- (1) Must so designate that information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and
- (3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding;

the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding; the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/DS-132) ("Mexico-HFCS Dispute") may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A. Jane Bradley,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on information collection 2132-0502 was published on August 25, 1998 [63 FR 45281].

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the DOT information collection request submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Sue Masselink, Office

of Program Management, (202) 366-1630, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Title: 49 U.S.C. Section 5309 Capital Program and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program.

OMB Control Number: 2132-0543.

Form(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State and local government and non-profit institutions.

Abstract: 49 U.S.C. section 5309 Capital Program and Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to State and local governments and public transportation authorities for financing mass transportation projects. Grant recipients are required to make information available to the public and to publish a program of projects for affected citizens to comment on the proposed program and performance of the grant recipients at public hearings. Notices of hearings must include a brief description of the proposed project and be published in a newspaper circulated in the affected area. FTA also uses the information to determine eligibility for funding and to monitor the grantees' progress in implementing and completing project activities. The information submitted ensures FTA's compliance with applicable federal laws and OMB Circular A-102.

Estimated Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 517,600 hours.

Addresses: Written comments on the DOT information collection request should be forwarded, within 30 days of publication, to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: FTA Desk Officer. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Phillip A. Leach, Clearance Officer,

United States Department of Transportation.

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The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collection described below was published on October 27, 1998 [63 FR 57350].

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of these documents, contact Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

U.S. Coast Guard

Title: U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol (IIP) Customer Satisfaction Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0636.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Forms: N/A.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of ships that pass through the Grand Bank region of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

Abstract: The information collection is a customer satisfaction survey which the Coast Guard will be conducting to determine the kind and quality of services its customers want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with the Coast Guard's existing services. The survey will be published in the AMVER Bulletin and is strictly voluntary.

Need: Executive Order 12862 directs Federal Agencies to conduct surveys to determine the kind and quality of services customers want and expect. The Coast Guard will use this information to measure customer satisfaction with current services and service standards. This will allow the Coast Guard to improve service delivery and determine whether additional services are requested by its customers.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 150 hours annually.

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A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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