

the reasonable period of time and that the EC's impending failure to bring the banana regime into compliance would undermine the WTO dispute settlement system. The written comments received in response to the November 10 **Federal Register** notice and at the public hearing primarily focused on the extent to which the imposition of 100% *ad valorem* duties on the specific products listed in the Annex to that notice might have an adverse effect on U.S. consumers, workers, and industries. The USTR also received written comments and testimony requesting the imposition of increased duties on certain products of the EC not included in the Annex to the November 10 **Federal Register** notice.

On December 21, 1998, the USTR announced in a press release the list of products of the EC for which the USTR intends to request authorization from the DSB to impose 100% *ad valorem* duties. [Press Release 98-113, www.ustr.gov.] The USTR also announced that comments would be sought on the possible inclusion of certain pork provided for in HTS subheading 0210.19.00 and certain olives provided for in HTS subheading 2005.70.6050 in the request to the DSB. The list of products announced in the December 21, 1999 press release is subject to revision depending on the comments received in response to this notice and on the results of arbitration, if requested by the EC.

In accordance with the time frames set forth in Article 22 of the DSU for suspending concessions when a WTO member fails to bring its measures into compliance with DSB recommendations, the proposed increased duties would be assessed on the selected products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after February 1, 1999, unless the EC requests arbitration on the proposed suspension of tariff concessions, in which case the proposed increased duties would be assessed on the selected products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 3, 1999.

The USTR subsequently will announce: (1) the USTR's determination to impose 100% *ad valorem* duties on certain products of the EU and instructions to the U.S. Customs Service to begin assessing the increased duties; (2) the date on which the increased duties will begin to be assessed; and (3) the list of products on which increased duties will be assessed. The increased duties would not be assessed on products of the Netherlands or Denmark.

### Written Comments—Requirements for Submissions

The USTR has determined that it may be appropriate to consider including two products in its request to the DSB for authorization to suspend tariff concessions on which the USTR has not previously sought public comment. Therefore, interested persons are invited to comment on: (1) the appropriateness of imposing 100% *ad valorem* duties on meat of swine other than hams, shoulders, bellies (streaky) and cuts thereof, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (HTS subheading 0210.19.00) and olives (not green), sliced in a saline solution, canned, pitted (HTS subheading 2005.70.6050); (2) the levels at which U.S. customs duties should be set for these particular products; and (3) the degree to which increased duties may have an adverse effect upon U.S. consumers of these products. The imposition of increased duties would apply to articles that are classified in HTS subheadings 0210.19.00 and 2005.70.6050. The product descriptions provided above are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products that would be subject to increased duties.

Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b) (55 FR 20593) and must be filed by noon on Wednesday, January 13, 1999. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 416.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301-100a) open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 20 copies, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection. An appointment to review Docket No. 301-100a may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Controller Pilot Data Link Communications Industry Day

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of an Industry Day to discuss Controller Pilot Data Link Communications, to be held on January 6, 1999, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, in the third floor auditorium. This meeting is sponsored by the FAA Office of Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance Systems.

Presentations will include an overview of the CPDLC project and an update on the Free Flight Phase I CPDLC Human Factors Assessment. These presentations will provide the aviation community with current information about the status of the CPDLC Data Link Program. This will be allocated to questions, answers, and general discussion.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the Product Lead for Aeronautical Data Link, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact Mr. James H. Williams, FAA, at (202) 493-4693. Members of the public may present a written statement to the Product Lead at any time.

Exceptional circumstances and the need to provide the user community with the latest agency decisions concerning program funding and schedules necessitate the public notice of meeting is less than 15 days.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement; Bernalillo County, NM

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Amended Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for improvements to the Interstate 25/Interstate 40 Interchange.