

will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (3) for all other producers and/or exporters of this merchandise, the cash deposit rate shall be 61.47 percent, the all-others rate established in the LTFV investigation (59 FR 66930, December 28, 1994).

This deposit rate, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Industry Sector and Functional Advisory Committees for Trade Policy Matters; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Trade Development.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are seeking nominations for appointment to each of the Industry Sector and Functional Advisory Committees on Trade Policy Matters. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and those that occur throughout the remainder of the charter term, which expires March 19, 2000. In order to qualify for representation on an Industry Sector or Functional Advisory Committee (ISAC/IFAC), nominees must be U.S. citizens representing U.S. manufacturing and service firms that trade internationally or an industry association whose members are primarily U.S. owned and are involved in international trade.

Priority will be given to manufacturing establishments and firms that are outside of the Washington, D.C. area. U.S.-based subsidiaries of foreign companies, non-government organizations, and academic institutions do not qualify for representation on a committee.

Recruitment: Vacancies occur throughout the charter period and new appointments are made on a rolling basis. Nominations for the current charter period will be accepted at any time up to March 2000. Recruitment information is available on the International Trade Administration website at www.ita.doc.gov/icp. Further inquiries may be directed to Tamara Underwood, Acting Director, Industries Consultations Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2015-B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), the Secretary of Commerce (the Secretary) and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) have renewed the Charters of seventeen ISACs and three IFACs. The Secretary and USTR welcome nominations for the Industry Sector Advisory Committees for Trade Policy Matters (ISACs) and the Industry Functional Advisory Committees for Trade Policy Matters (IFACs) listed below:

- Industry Sector Advisory Committees for Trade Policy Matters (ISAC) on:
 - Aerospace Equipment (ISAC 1);
 - Capital Goods (ISAC 2);
 - Chemicals and Allied Products (ISAC 3);
 - Consumer Goods (ISAC 4);
 - Electronics and Instrumentation (ISAC 5);
 - Energy (ISAC 6);
 - Ferrous Ores and Metals (ISAC 7);
 - Footwear, Leather, and Leather Products (ISAC 8);
 - Building Products and Other Materials (ISAC 9);
 - Lumber and Wood Products (ISAC 10);
 - Nonferrous Ores and Metals (ISAC 11);
 - Paper and Paper Products (ISAC 12);
 - Services (ISAC 13);
 - Small and Minority Business (ISAC 14);
 - Textiles and Apparel (ISAC 15);
 - Transportation, Construction, Mining, and Agricultural Equipment (ISAC 16);
 - Wholesaling and Retailing (ISAC 17);
 - and
 - Industry Functional Advisory Committees on Trade Policy Matters on:
 - Customs (IFAC 1);
 - Standards (IFAC 2);

Intellectual Property Rights (IFAC 3).

Background

In section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974 (1974 Trade Act), 19 U.S.C. 2155), as amended, Congress established a private-sector advisory system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests. Section 135 directs the President to

“seek information and advice from representative elements of the private sector and the non-Federal governmental sector with respect to—

(A) negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement under [title I of the 1974 Trade Act and section 1102 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988];

(B) the operation of any trade agreement once entered into; including preparation for dispute settlement panel proceedings to which the United States is a party; and

(C) other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States. * * *”

The Secretary of Commerce and the USTR co-chair the seventeen ISACs and three IFACs.

Functions

The duties of the ISACs and IFACs are to provide the President with advice on objectives and bargaining positions for multilateral trade negotiations, bilateral trade negotiations, and other trade related matters. The committees provide bipartisan, industry input in the development of trade policy objectives. The committees' efforts result in strengthening the U.S. negotiating position by enabling the United States to display a united front when it negotiates trade agreements with other nations.

The ISACs provide advice and information on issues that affect specific sectors of U.S. industry. The ISACs address market-access problems; barriers to trade; tariff levels; discriminatory foreign procurement practices; information, marketing, and advocacy needs of their sector; and other important trade issues.

The IFACs focus on cross-cutting issues that affect all industry sectors, such as customs matters, product standards, and intellectual property rights. Other functional issues, such as government procurement and subsidies, are handled in ad hoc meetings. Each ISAC may also select a member to serve

on each IFAC so that a broad range of industry perspectives are represented.

Committees meet an average of four times a year in Washington, D.C. Members are responsible for all travel expenses incurred to attend the meetings.

Membership

ISAC and IFAC members are appointed jointly by the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR. Appointments are made at the rechartering of each committee and periodically throughout the two-year charter period. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary and USTR. Appointments to an ISAC/IFAC expire at the end of the committee's charter. However, members may be reappointed for one or more additional terms should the committee's charter be renewed and if the member proves to work effectively with the committee and his/her expertise is still needed.

Each committee is made up of approximately 30–50 members, based on the Committee charter. Each committee selects a chairperson from the membership of the committee.

Qualifications

For all committees, the Secretary and USTR invite nominations of U.S. citizens who are executives and managers of U.S. manufacturing or service companies that trade internationally. The Secretary and USTR also invite nominations of executives representing trade associations whose members are U.S. companies that trade internationally. Companies must be at least 51 percent beneficially-owned by U.S. persons. U.S.-based subsidiaries of foreign companies do not qualify for representation on the committees.

Nominees are considered based upon their ability to carry out the goals of section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Secondary criteria are ensuring that the committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography and company size.

Application Procedures

Requests for applications should be sent to the Director of the Industry Consultations Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2015-B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14 relating to advisory committees.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Michael J. Copps,

Assistant Secretary for Trade Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Public Workshop Regarding Conformity Assessment Bodies for the Medicare Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology, (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a half-day workshop for the development of requirements for a sub-program under the National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) Program. The sub-program will satisfy the product testing and quality system registration requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the United States/European Commission Mutual Recognition Agreement. NVCASE procedures require NIST to consult the public establishing requirements to be applied in evaluations conducted within the scope of NVCASE programs. NIST, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and European Commission (EC) personnel will participate in this workshop. There is no fee for the workshop; however, all attendees must register in advance with the Conformity Assessment Body Response Manager no later than April 2, 1999.

DATES: The NVCASE workshop will be held on April 15, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the Red Auditorium, Administration Building, located at 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, you may telephone 301–975–5120. You may register for the workshop by E-mail at scp@nist.gov or by fax at 301–975–5414. You may also register by U.S. mail addressed to Conformity Assessment Body Response Manager, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Title 15 Part 286.2(b) of the Code of Federal Regulations, NIST has established this program pursuant to

a written request from a U.S. Government Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, in a letter dated March 1, 1998. The FDA announced their intent to use NIST NVCASE program for the Medical Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1998 (63 FR 36247–36248).

The NVCASE regulations found at 15 CFR Part 286 require NIST to consult the public when establishing requirements to be applied in evaluations conducted within the scope of NVCASE programs. This program under NVCASE will allow U.S. bodies to satisfy the conformity assessment requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement.

The NVCASE public workshop will follow the European Commission training workshop for Conformity Assessment Bodies in which EC personnel will outline the requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the MRA. NIST, FDA and EC personnel will participate in this public workshop. Both NVCASE and EC training workshops will be held at the same location. The text of the US/EC MRA for the Medical Devices sectoral annex can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.iep.doc.gov/mra/mra.htm>.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Grant of Certificate of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449: Roboxetine Mesylate

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin Tyson by telephone at (703) 305–9285; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box DAC, Washington, DC 20231; by fax marked to her attention at (703) 308–6916, or by e-mail to karin.tyson@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code,