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Case No.	HTS Subheading	Article	Petitioner
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**D. Petitions for waiver of competitive need limits for a product on the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences.**

Acyclic alcohols and their halogenated, sulfonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives:  
Saturated monohydric alcohols:  
Methanol (Methyl alcohol):  
[Imported only for use in producing synthetic natural gas (SNG) or for direct use as a fuel]

99-6	2905.11.20 (Chile)	Other	Government of Chile; Methanex Methanol Company, Dallas, TX
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99-7	7202.50.00 (Russia)	Ferroalloys: Ferrosilicon chromium	PMI Alloys, Inc., Charleston, SC; Chelyabinsk Electrometallurgical Plant, Russia
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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Implementation of Preferential Tariff  
Treatment Under the Generalized  
System of Preferences for Certain  
Articles From South Africa**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States  
Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Implementation of  
preferential tariff treatment under the  
Generalized System of Preferences  
(GSP) for three articles from South  
Africa.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon  
Rosenbaum, Assistant United States  
Trade Representative for Trade and  
Development, Office of the United  
States Trade Representative, 600 17th  
Street, NW., Room 517, Washington,  
D.C. 20508. The telephone number is  
(202) 395-6971.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant  
to section 503(c)(2) of the Trade Act of  
1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2463  
(c)(2)), beneficiary developing countries  
are subject to competitive need  
limitations on the preferential tariff  
treatment afforded under the GSP.  
Presidential Proclamation 7107 of June  
30, 1998 (63 FR 36531; July 6, 1998), in  
relevant part, proclaimed the waiver of

competitive need limitations and the  
granting of GSP preferential tariff  
treatment with respect to certain articles  
from South Africa, with an effective  
date to be determined and announced  
by the United States Trade  
Representative by publication of a  
notice in the Federal Register. These  
included four articles in Harmonized  
Tariff Schedule of the United States  
("HTS") subheadings 7108.12.50  
(unwrought gold, for electronics,  
dental), HTS 7108.13.70 (semi-  
manufactured gold), HTS 8704.10.50  
(articulated dump trucks), and HTS  
2849.90.50 (carbides). Since that time,  
the normal tariff for one of these items,  
articles in subheading HTS 8704.10.50  
(articulated dump trucks) has been  
reduced to zero in accordance with the  
Annex to Presidential Proclamation  
6763 of December 23, 1994 (60 FR 1007,  
1614; January 4, 1995), implementing  
U.S. commitments under the Uruguay  
Round agreements.

Granting GSP preferential tariff  
treatment for the articles listed above  
was held in abeyance because of  
concerns regarding South Africa's  
Medicines Act and its protection of  
patent rights for pharmaceuticals.  
Section 503 of the Trade Act of 1974  
requires the President to consider the  
program's eligibility requirements,  
including a country's protection of  
intellectual property rights, before  
granting waivers or extending GSP  
benefits (19 U.S.C. 2463). On September

17, 1999, the Governments of the United  
States and South Africa came to an  
understanding with respect to South  
Africa's urgent need to provide better,  
more affordable health care while  
ensuring that intellectual property rights  
are protected. Both Governments  
reaffirmed their shared objective of fully  
protecting intellectual property rights,  
including their commitment to comply  
with the WTO Agreement on Trade-  
Related Aspects of Intellectual Property  
Rights (the TRIPS Agreement).

Pursuant to authority vested in the  
United States Trade Representative by  
the laws of the United States, including  
but not limited to sections 503 and 604  
of the Trade Act of 1974 and  
Proclamation 7107 of June 30, 1998, and  
in order to (1) grant GSP preferential  
tariff treatment to articles in HTS  
subheadings 7108.12.50 (unwrought  
gold, for electronics, dental) and  
7108.13.70 (semi-manufactured gold),  
and (2) provide GSP preferential tariff  
treatment to articles from South Africa  
in HTS subheading 2849.90.50  
(carbides), the HTS is modified as  
specified in the Annex to this notice,  
effective with respect to articles entered,  
or withdrawn from warehouse, on or

after the day of publication of this notice.

**Charlene Barshefsky,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

Annex

Section A. General note 4(d) to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") is modified by deleting the country set out opposite the following HTS subheading:

2849.90.50 South Africa

Section B. Modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") of an article's preferential tariff treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP").

For the following HTS subheadings, the Rates of Duty 1-special subcolumn is modified by deleting the symbol "A+," in the parentheses following the "Free" rate and by inserting the symbol "A," in lieu thereof.

7108.12.50

7108.13.70

Section C. A waiver of the application of section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act shall apply to imports of eligible articles from South Africa that are provided for in HTS subheading 2849.90.50.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

### Federal Transit Administration

### Final Environmental Impact Statement; Denver, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties

**AGENCIES:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the FHWA and the FTA, in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD), have jointly prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed transportation improvements in the Southeast Corridor of the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. The project is within the municipalities of Denver, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. The Final EIS identifies a preferred alternative and the associated environmental impacts of the proposed preferred alternative. Interested citizens are invited to review the Final EIS and submit comments. Copies of the Final EIS may be obtained by telephoning or writing the contact person list below under Addresses. Public reading copies of the Final EIS

are available at the locations listed under Supplementary Information.

**DATES:** A 30-day public review period will begin on December 23, 1999, and conclude on January 28, 2000. Written comments on the preferred alternative and impacts to be considered must be received by CDOT by January 28, 2000. A public hearing to receive oral comments on the Final EIS will be held in one location in Denver. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for hearing date and location.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Final EIS should be addressed to Jim Bumanglag, Project Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation, Southeast Corridor, 4201 East Arkansas, Denver, CO 80222. Requests for a copy of the Final EIS may be addressed to Mr. Bumanglag at the address above. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for a listing of the available documents and formats in which they may be obtained. Copies of the Final EIS are also available for public inspection and review. See Supplementary Information section for locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request copies of the Final EIS or for additional information, contact: Mr. Vincent P. Barone, FHWA Colorado Division, 555 Zang Street, Room 250, Denver, CO 80228, Telephone (303) 969-6730, extension 369; or Mr. David L. Beckhouse, FTA Region VIII, 216 16th Street Mall, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80202, Telephone (303) 844-3242.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Hearing Date and Location:

- January 12, 2000, Most Precious Blood Catholic School, 2250 South Harrison Street, Denver, CO 80237, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the Final EIS are available in hard copy format for public inspection at:

- CDOT Region 6 Office, 2000 South Holly Street, Denver, CO 80222, 303-757-9372.
- CDOT Environmental Services, 1325 S. Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80222, 303-757-9259.
- RTD Administrative Services, 1600 Blake Street, Denver, CO 80202, 303-299-2484.
- Denver Public Library, 10 West 14th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, 303-640-6220.
- Castlewood Public Library, 6739 South Uinta Street, Denver, CO 80237, 303-771-3197.
- Southeast Corridor Project Office (Carter & Burgess), 216 16th Street Mall, Suite 1700, Denver CO 80202, 303-820-5278.

- Aurora Central Library, 14949 East Alameda Drive, Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-6600.

- Aurora Planning Office, 1470 South Havana St., Room 608, Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-7250.

- Douglas Public Library District-Philip S. Miller Branch, 961 South Plum Creek Blvd., Castle Rock, CO 80104, 303-688-5157.

Copies of supporting technical reports and engineering plan sheets are available at:

- CDOT Region 6 Office, 2000 South Holly Street, Denver, CO 80222, 303-757-9372.

- Southeast Corridor Project Office (Carter & Burgess), 216 16th Street Mall, Suite 1700, Denver CO 80202, 303-820-5278.

### Background

The Final EIS evaluated a No-Action, and a Preferred Alternative (including transportation management solutions) in the Southeast Corridor and determined the estimated costs and potential impacts associated with each. The project study limits are on I-25 from Broadway Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, which includes I-225 from I-25 to Parker Road. CDOT was the local lead agency for the preparation of the Final EIS.

The FHWA, the FTA, the CDOT, the RTD and other local agencies invite interested individuals, organizations, and Federal, State and local agencies to comment on the identified preferred alternative and associated social, economic, or environmental impacts related to the alternatives.

The preferred alternative is generally consistent with the Southeast Corridor Major Investment Study completed in July 1997. It begins at approximately I-25 and Broadway Avenue and proceeds south and southeast to Lincoln Avenue following the general alignment of I-25. Also included is a segment along I-225 from I-25 to Parker Road. The preferred alternative excludes any proposed roadway improvements near I-25 from 6th Avenue to approximately the Logan Street crossing including the I-25 interchanges at Alameda, Santa Fe, and Broadway. The primary purpose of the Southeast Corridor Multi-Modal Project is to improve travel time and enhance safety along these two transportation corridors, while causing the least disruption to neighboring residents, businesses, and commuters. The Southeast Corridor is the most heavily congested corridor on a daily basis, in the State of Colorado. It has been the focus of study for twenty years. These studies have consistently recommended