

(NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for July 10–14, 2000, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting and related matters;
- Amendments to the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS);
- Integrated bridge systems (IBS) operational aspects;
- Guidelines on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout;
- Navigational aids and related matters;
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters, including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8;
- IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases;
- Guidelines relating to SOLAS chapter V;
- Comprehensive review of chapter 13 of the High Speed Craft (HSC) Code;
- Development of guidelines for ships operating in ice-covered waters.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MWV-3), Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 am., on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to report the results of Eighty-first Session of the International Maritime Organization Legal Committee (LEG 81) being held from March 27–31, 2000, in London.

During LEG 81, the Legal Committee will complete the preparation of the draft bunkers convention for a diplomatic conference, which will be held in the 2000–2001 biennium. The Legal Committee will then continue work on a draft protocol to the Athens Convention and on the draft Wreck Removal Convention. The committee will next turn its attention to the implementation of the HNS Convention, and time will also be allotted to address any other issues on the Legal Committee's work program on which there are questions or comments.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of meeting, please contact Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or

Lieutenant Daniel J. Goettle, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-1527; fax (202) 267-4496.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee U.S. Department of State 3.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Rectification to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative

ACTION: Notice of rectification to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (the USTR) is providing notice of certain technical rectifications to subheadings in chapter 2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) pursuant to authority granted by Congress to the President in section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974 and delegated to the USTR in Presidential Proclamation No. 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415). These rectifications will correct omissions that occurred when the HTS was modified to reflect the Uruguay Round conversion of the U.S. quota on beef to a tariff-rate quota and will ensure that the United States continues to meet its obligations under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement with respect to goods of Canada, under the terms of general note 12 to the HTS, that are classified in HTS subheadings relating to meat from bovine animals.

DATES: The effective date of the rectifications is January 1, 1995, for all goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under the specified HTS subheadings, for which the liquidation of duties has not become final under 9 U.S.C. 1514.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Sloan, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement, the United States agreed to provide Canada duty-free treatment for

meat of bovine animals classified in chapter 2 of the HTS under tariff headings 0201 and 0202 and constituting goods of Canada, under the terms of general note 12 to the HTS. Duty-free treatment for meat from bovine animals comprising goods of Canada commenced on January 1, 1994. However, when the HTS was modified in 1995 to reflect the creation of a U.S. tariff-rate quota consistent for beef with the World Trade Organization Agreement on Agriculture, the tariff subheadings related to imports of meat from bovine animals not included in the United States tariff-rate quota, which is set forth in additional U.S. note 3 to chapter 2 of the HTS, were inadvertently not modified to provide Canada a special rate of duty of "free" for six tariff subheadings in the HTS: 0201.10.50; 0201.20.80; 0201.30.80; 0202.10.50; 0202.20.80; and 0202.30.80. This notice rectifies that omission in the HTS and reflects the duty-free treatment that should be accorded to meat of bovine animals, the foregoing being goods of Canada under the terms of general note 12 to the HTS, not covered by the tariff-rate quota set forth in additional U.S. note 3 to chapter 2 of the HTS. Duty-free treatment for beef from bovine animals that comprises goods of Canada is already provided for in the HTS.

Proclamation 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415, January 29, 1997) authorized the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to exercise the authority provided to the President under section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by Public Law 100-418, 88 Stat. 2073 (19 U.S.C. 2483), to embody in the HTS the substance of the relevant provisions of that Act, and of other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including rectifications, technical or conforming changes, or similar modifications in the HTS. Under authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 6969 and the authority vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, the United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1988, P.L. 100-449 (19 U.S.C. 2112 note), and the North American Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act, P.L. 103-182 (19 U.S.C. 3301 *et seq.*), the following subheadings of chapter 2 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States are modified by inserting, in the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn in the parentheses following the "Free" rate of duty the symbol "CA" in alphabetical order: 0201.10.50;

0201.20.80; 0201.30.80; 0202.10.50; 0202.20.80; and 0202.30.80. This modification to the identified HTS subheadings shall be effective with respect to goods of Canada that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 1995, for which the liquidation of duties has not become final under 19 U.S.C. 1514.

The tariff rectification and duty treatment provided herein shall be applicable to the aforementioned entries of goods under the specified HTS subheadings provided that the importer supplies any information that may be requested by the United States Customs Service to permit identification of each such entry (including, but not limited to, the entry number for the shipment concerned).

Robert T. Novick,

Acting United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14) will hold a meeting on April 10, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again from 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and closed to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2000, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce Room 4830, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Millie Sjoberg or Cory Churches, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-4792 or Ladan Manteghi, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC-14 will hold a meeting on April 10, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The meeting will include a review and

discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that part of this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of a trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. During the discussion of such matters, the meeting will be closed to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again from 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. when other trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Pate Felts,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments for Mandated Multilateral Trade Negotiations on Agriculture and Services in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Priorities for Future Market Access Negotiations on Non-Agricultural Goods

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Comments (TPSC) is requesting written public comments on general U.S. negotiating objectives as well as country and item-specific export priorities for agriculture and services. The TPSC also seeks public comment on country-specific export priorities for tariffs and non-tariff measures for non-agricultural products. Comments received will be considered by the Executive Branch in formulating U.S. positions and objectives for U.S. participation in the mandated WTO negotiations on agriculture and services and further negotiations on market for non-agricultural products should consensus

emerge among WTO Members to launch negotiations in this area.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon, May 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Neff, Office of Agricultural Affairs (202) 395-6127 for agriculture; Peter Collins, Office of Services, Investment and Intellectual Property (202) 395-7271 for services; Barbara Chattin, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs at (202) 395-5097 for non-agricultural market access; and Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, (202) 395-3475 for procedural questions concerning public comments.

Information about the WTO can be obtained via the WTO website (www.wto.org). U.S. submissions on agriculture, services and non-agricultural market access made to the WTO General Council as part of the preparatory process for the WTO Ministerial in December 1999 can be found on the USTR website (www.ustr.gov) under "what's new."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TPSC invites written comments from the public on issues to be addressed in the course of the mandated negotiations on agriculture and services that are underway in the WTO. The Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture stipulates in Article 20 that a continuation of the reform process begin "one year before the end of the implementation period," *i.e.*, beginning of 2000. Similarly, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) provides, in Article XIX, "Members shall enter into successive rounds of negotiations, beginning not later than five years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement * * *." Although not part of the WTO mandated negotiations, the Administration notes that it has received expressions of interest in further negotiations on non-agricultural market access, including tariffs and non-tariff measures for specific products and countries.

For agriculture, topics for negotiating objectives include reforms in each of the areas of market access, domestic support, export competition, and other rules and disciplines affecting trade in agricultural products, including biotechnology. Comments are welcome with as much specificity as the respondent can provide an general or commodity-specific negotiating objectives; country and product specific export interests or barriers; and