

Contact: Andrew Small, Program Manager, US Student Programs, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580, (212) 984-5326, Fax (212) 984-5325, e-mail: asmall@iie.org.

6. International Research and Exchanges Board

Grant: \$565,000 (\$315,000-NIS; \$250,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support its programs for Individual Advanced Research Opportunities, Short-term Travel Grants, Black Sea and Caspian Regional Policy Symposia, Dissemination, and Policy Forums.

Contact: Joyce Warner, Director, Academic Exchanges and Research Division, International Research and Exchanges Board, 1616 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 628-8188, Fax (202) 628-8189, e-mail: jwarner@irex.org.

7. National Council for Eurasian and East European Research

Grant: \$1,200,000 (\$900,000-NIS; \$300,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support the Research Contract and Fellowship Grant Programs for postdoctoral research, Policy Research Fellowships in the NIS and Central and East Europe, and the Ed. A. Hewett Fellowship Program to allow a scholar to work on a research project for a year while serving in a USG agency.

Contact: Robert Huber, President, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, 910 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 822-6950, Fax (202) 822-6955, e-mail: nceerdc@aol.com.

8. Social Science Research Council

Grant: \$775,000 (\$745,000-NIS, \$30,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support dissertation fellowships, advanced graduate fellowships, US-based institutional training in the languages of the NIS, the dissertation workshop on understudied regions, and postdoctoral fellowships.

Contact: Seteney Shami, Program Director, Social Science Research Council, 810 7th Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10019, (212) 377-2700, Fax (212) 377-2727, e-mail: shami@ssrc.org.

9. The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

Grant: \$720,000 (\$470,000-NIS; \$250,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support the Research and Short-term Scholar Programs, internships, meetings, outreach and publications of the Kennan Institute for

Advanced Russian Studies and the East European Studies of the European Program, including the Kennan's Workshop on the Role of Women in Post-Communist Transitions and the East European Program's Junior Scholars' Training Seminar.

Contact: Nancy Popson, Deputy Director, Kennan Institute, (202) 691-4100, Fax (202) 691-4247 or

Martin Sletzinger, Director, East European Studies, The Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-3027, (202) 691-4263, Fax (202) 691-4247.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

W. Kendall Myers,

Acting Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 3355]

Universal Postal Union Reform Initiatives

DEPARTMENT: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of briefing.

SUMMARY: The Department of State will host a briefing on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, to provide an update on reform initiatives at the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

The briefing will be held from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m., on September 26, 2000, in Room 1105 of the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The briefing will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room.

The briefing will provide information on the results of the recent meetings of the High-Level Group on the Future of the UPU, and of the UPU Postal Operations Council, as well as on other significant UPU-related issues. The briefing will be chaired by Ambassador E. Michael Southwick of the Department of State.

Entry to the Department of State building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. In order to arrange admittance, persons desiring to attend the briefing should, no later than noon on September 25, 2000, notify the Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, preferably by fax, providing the name of the meeting and

the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number. The fax number to use is (202) 647-8902. Voice telephone is (202) 647-2752. This request applies to both government and non-government individuals.

All attendees must use the Department of State diplomatic entrance at 22nd and C Streets, NW. One of the following means of identification will be required for admittance: Any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or any U.S. Government agency identification card.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the briefing may be directed to Mr. Neil Boyer at (202) 647-1044.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

Neil A. Boyer,

Acting Director, Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 2000 Annual Country Eligibility Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review and Cancellation of the 2000 Annual GSP Product Review.

SUMMARY: The deadline for the submission of petitions for the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review is 5 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Announcement of 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility Practices Review and Cancellation of 2000 Annual GSP Product Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified by a **Federal Register** notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2000 Annual GSP Country Eligibility

Practices Review, all petitions to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2000. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

Notice also is hereby given that the 2000 Annual GSP Product Review is canceled due to the extraordinary work that is required to conduct an accelerated review of products eligible to be designated under GSP for beneficiaries of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act.

The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

A. 2000 GSP Annual Country Eligibility Practices Review

Interested parties may submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country reviewed with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Such petitions must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 2007.01(b).

B. Submission of Petitions and Requests

Petitions to modify GSP treatment should be addressed to GSP Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. An original and fourteen (14) copies of each petition must be submitted in English. If the petition contains business confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with an original and fourteen (14) copies of the business confidential version must be submitted. In addition, the submission containing business confidential information should be clearly marked "business confidential" at the top and bottom of each and every page of the submission. Petitions submitted as "business confidential" must conform to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence must conform to 15 CFR 2007.7. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should

also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each (either page "public version" or "nonconfidential").

Only the public versions of the submissions will be available for public inspection and only by appointment. Appointments to review petitions may be made by contacting Ms. Brenda Webb (Tel. 202/395-6186) of the USTR Public Reading Room. The hours of the Reading Room are 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Trade and Development.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-202]

WTO Consultations Regarding U.S. Action Under Section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 Concerning Line Pipe

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on June 13, 2000, Korea requested consultations with the United States under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), regarding the U.S. action under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2253) concerning line pipe. Presidential Proclamation 7274, issued on February 18, imposed safeguards on imports of line pipe, effective March 1, 2000 (65 FR 9193, February 23, 2000). Korea alleges that the U.S. action on line pipe is inconsistent with various provisions of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"). Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"), such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and Korea. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before July 21 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR prior to consulting with Korea.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20508, Attn: Line Pipe Dispute. Telephone (202) 395-3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Shub, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-7305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding. If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by Korea

On December 22, 1999, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) transmitted to the President an affirmative determination in its investigation under section 202 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2252), with respect to imports of certain circular welded carbon quality line pipe (line pipe) provided for in subheadings 7306.10.10 and 7306.10.50 of the Harmonized Schedule of the United States. The USITC determined that line pipe is being imported in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury or the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive article.

On February 18, 2000, pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2253), Presidential proclamation 7274 imposed increases in duties on imports of line pipe in excess of 9000 short tons (8,164,663 kg) from each country, effective March 1, 2000 through March 1, 2003. Proclamation 7274 exempts products of Canada and Mexico from these duty increases. Korea alleges that "the U.S. procedures and determinations that led to the imposition of the safeguard measure as