

directly competitive articles, workers in these industries, and on consumers of the affected goods. All of the listed articles are footwear products. The USTR asked that the Commission provide its advice no later than October 12, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact Laura Rodriguez (202-205-3499; [lrodriguez@usitc.gov](mailto:lrodriguez@usitc.gov)), of the Office of Industries; for information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart (202-205-3091; [wgearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:wgearhart@usitc.gov)) of the Office of the General Counsel. The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information about the Commission may be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

### Background

The letter from the USTR stated that the United States and Mexico have agreed to enter into consultations to consider acceleration of the elimination of tariffs on certain articles. Section 201(b)(1) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the "Act") authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, to proclaim such modifications as the United States may agree to with Mexico or Canada regarding the staging of any duty treatment set forth in Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA. One of the requirements set out in section 103(a) of the Act is that the President obtain advice regarding the proposed action from the Commission. The USTR requested advice with respect to NAFTA-qualifying articles from Mexico entered under the following subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States: 6402.3090, 6404.1120, 6404.1950, 6404.2040, 6406.1045, 6402.9160, 6404.1915, 6404.1960, 6404.2060, 6402.9170, 6404.1925, 6404.1970, 6406.1005, 6402.9960, 6404.1930, 6404.1980, 6406.1010, 6402.9970, 6404.1935, 6404.2020, 6406.1020.

### Written Submissions

The Commission will not hold a public hearing in connection with the advice provided under this investigation. However, interested

parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions by facsimile or electronic means. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made 2 available for inspection by interested persons in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission. Written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on September 28, 2001. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Issued: September 10, 2001.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Codeon Corporation

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Codeon Corporation, a revocable, non-assignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States and certain foreign countries, the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 5,195,163 (Navy Case No. 73,281) issued March 16, 1993, entitled "Fabrication and Phase Tuning of an Optical Waveguide Device," and U.S. Patent No. 5,259,061 (Navy Case No. 75,085) issued November 2, 1993, entitled "Fabrication and Phase Tuning of an Optical Waveguide Device."

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the granting of these licenses must file written objections along with

supporting evidence, if any, not later than November 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230.

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Dated: August 30, 2001.

**Robert E. Vincent II,**  
*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Student Financial Assistance; Federal Family Education Loan Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates for the Federal Family Education Loan Program for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Student Financial Assistance announces the interest rates for variable-rate loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Smith, Program Specialist. Mailing address: Program Development Division, Student Financial Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3045, ROB-3, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5345. Telephone: (202) 708-8242. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### General

Under title IV, part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1071, *et seq.*, most loans made to student and parent borrowers under the FFEL Program have variable interest rates.