

mail) submissions in response to this notice.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings" followed by (as appropriate) "Written Comments", "Request for Public Hearing", or "Request to Testify". Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments submitted in response to this request will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

Charles Freeman,

Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative, Office of North Asian Affairs.
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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Identification of Countries Under
Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974:
Request for Public Comment**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242) requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions of the Trade Act.) The USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. Section 182 of the Trade Act also contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting U.S. cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, February 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Mark Wu, Director for Intellectual Property, and/or Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, at the following e-mail address: FR0408@ustr.gov, with "Special 301 Review: [Country Name]" in the subject line. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wu, Director for Intellectual Property, (202) 395-6864; Victoria Espinel or Daniel Mullaney, Assistant General Counsels, (202) 395-7305, Office of the United States Trade Representative. In the event that none of the above are available, questions should be directed to Claude Burcky, Deputy Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act, the

USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies, or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's designation as a Priority Foreign Country are normally the subject of an investigation under the section 301 provisions of the Trade Act.

USTR may not identify a country as a Priority Foreign Country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

USTR requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, or states of a country whose act, policy, or practice deserve special highlighting in this year's report. Such mention may be positive or negative, so long as it deviates from the general norm in that country.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting U.S. cultural industries. The USTR is obligated to identify any act, policy, or practice of Canada that affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Any such act, policy, or practice so identified shall be treated the same as an act, policy, or practice that was the basis for a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country under section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act, unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to Article 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, *i.e.*, no later than April 30, 2004.

Requirements for comments: Comments should include a description of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies, or practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, or practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses.

Comments must be in English and may only be submitted electronically. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MS Word, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided. For any document containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "P" or "BC" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Submissions should not include separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Comments should be sent to Mark Wu, Director for Intellectual Property, and Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, at the following e-mail address: FR0408@ustr.gov, with "Special 301 Review: [Country Name]" in the subject line. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Public inspection of submissions: Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR reading room, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Annex Building, 1724 F Street, NW., Room 1, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The USTR reading room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Amber Cottle,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Services, Investment, and Intellectual Property.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ATSRAC).

DATES: The ATSRAC will meet January 21 and 22, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Miami Airbus Training Center, 4355 NW 36th Street, Miami Springs, Florida 33166.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Stroman, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-208, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-7470; fax (202) 267-5075; or e-mail shirley.stroman@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces a meeting of the Aging Transport Systems Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The FAA will hold the meeting at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** heading of this notice. The agenda topics for the meeting include—

- Status reports of the tasks (68 FR 31741, May 28, 2003) assigned to Harmonization Working Groups 11, 12, and 13;
- Discussion of the FAA's review of aging airplane rulemaking initiatives;
- Discussion of electrical wiring in relation to master minimum equipment lists; and
- Presentation of Awareness Training video by Aircraft Electronics Association.

The meeting is open to the public; however, attendance will be limited by the size of the meeting room. The FAA will make the following services available if you request them by January 14, 2004:

- Teleconferencing;
- Sign and oral interpretation; and
- A listening device.

Individuals using the teleconferencing service and calling from outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area will be responsible for paying long-distance charges. To arrange for any of these services, contact the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading of this notice.

The public may present written statements to the Committee by providing 20 copies to the Committee's

Executive Director or by bringing the copies to the meeting. Public statements will be considered if time allows.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 30, 2003.

Tony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a meeting of the Federal Aviation Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) will be held to review present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures.

DATES: The meeting will be held from Monday, January 26, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, January 27 to Wednesday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Northern California TRACON, 11375 Douglas Road, Mather, California, 95655.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John A. Clayborn, Executive Director, ATPAC, Air Traffic Planning and Procedures, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.2), notice is hereby give of a meeting of the ATPAC to be held Monday, January 26, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, January 27, to Wednesday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting will cover: a continuation of the Committee's review of present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading or terminology and procedures. It will also include:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Submission and Discussion of Areas of Concern.
3. Discussion of Potential Safety Items.
4. Report from Executive Director.
5. Items of Interest.