

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority 269]****Exemptions From US-VISIT**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including the authority of Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a), as amended, and the authority conferred on me by 8 CFR 215.8(a)(2) and 235.1(d)(1)(iv), I hereby delegate the following functions as indicated.

Section 1. Functions Delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, the Chief of Protocol, the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Chiefs of Mission, Other Principal Officers, or Deputy Chiefs of Mission, and the Director and Deputy Director of American Institute of Taiwan

a. Functions Delegated

The functions vested in me as Secretary of State by 8 CFR 215.8(a)(2) and 235.1(d)(1)(iv) (relating to exempting individual aliens from arriving or departing requirements for fingerprinting and photographing or for providing other specified biometric identifiers), to be exercised under the standards and procedures set forth below.

b. Standards

(1) A determination by the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs to exempt an individual may be made in any case in which an exemption is in the national interest.

(2) A determination by the Chief of Protocol to exempt an individual may be made only after consultation with the Assistant Secretary for CA, or her designee, and only in cases in which: (a) Protocol has responsibility for the movement of a high-ranking foreign government official or members of that official's delegation; and (b) the individual could have traveled on a visa that would have qualified for an exemption under 8 CFR 215.8(a)(2)(ii) or (iii), or 235.1(d)(1)(iv)(A), (B), or (C).

(3) A determination by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations to exempt an individual may be made only if the individual is a member of a Permanent Observer Mission or Office to the United Nations who is granted a "B" visa by virtue of the member's status with the United Nations or an immediate family member of such member who is granted a "B" visa for purposes of accompanying the member.

(4) A determination by a Chief of Mission, other Principal Officer, Deputy

Chief of Mission, or the Director or Deputy Director of American Institute of Taiwan may be made only for an individual nonimmigrant alien who qualifies for a Class A Referral under guidelines currently found at 9 FAM 302, App. K, which guidelines may be changed from time to time in accordance with Department procedures.

c. Procedures

Any individual exceptions granted pursuant to this delegation, and the factual basis therefore, shall be granted and documented in accordance with instructions from the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Section 2. Additional Functions Delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs

The functions vested in me as Secretary of State by 8 CFR 215.8(a)(2)(iii) and 235.1(d)(1)(iv)(C) (relating to exempting jointly with the Secretary of Homeland Security classes of aliens from arriving or departing requirements for fingerprinting and photographing or for providing other specified biometric identifiers).

Section 3. Technical Provisions

The Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs and the Permanent Representative to the United Nations may redelegate the functions delegated to them by this delegation.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Delegation of Authority, the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and the Under Secretary of State for Management may at any time exercise any function delegated by this delegation of authority.

The statutes, regulations, and procedures referenced in this delegation shall be deemed to be such statutes, regulations, or procedures as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 271]**

Functions Relating to Arrivals and Departures from the United States

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including the

authority conferred on me by Executive Order 13323, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs the functions vested in me as Secretary of State by Executive Order 13323.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Delegation of Authority, the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and the Under Secretary of State for Management may at any time exercise any function delegated by this delegation of authority.

The functions delegated by this delegation of authority may not be redelegated.

The statutes, regulations, and procedures referenced in this delegation shall be deemed to be such statutes, regulations or procedures as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority 270]****Exemptions From US-VISIT**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including the authority of section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a), as amended, and the authority conferred on me by 8 CFR 215.8(a)(2)(iv) and 235.1(d)(1)(iv)(D), I hereby delegate to Richard H. Jones the authority to determine that requirements for fingerprinting and photographing or for providing other specified biometric identifiers shall not apply to an individual nonimmigrant alien upon arrival or departure from the United States. Such a determination may be made only for an individual when it is in the national interest to do so and it will not compromise national security interests. All such exemptions and the factual basis for them shall be documented.

Mr. Jones may exercise this delegated authority only during the period of his detail to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and only in his capacity as a State Department employee operating under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of State.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Delegation of Authority, the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State, the

Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and the Under Secretary of State for Management may at any time exercise any function delegated by this delegation of authority.

The authority delegated by this delegation may not be redelegated.

The statutes, regulations, and procedures referenced in this delegation shall be deemed to be such statutes, regulations or procedures as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 30, 2004.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority 273]

Delegation of Authority Under Presidential Proclamation No. 7750 of January 12, 2004 Suspending Entry of Persons Engaged in or Benefiting From Corruption

1. General Delegation

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the functions vested in the Secretary of State by Presidential Proclamation No. 7750.

2. Technical Provisions

(a) Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary of State and the Deputy Secretary of State may exercise any function delegated to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs by this delegation.

(b) As used in this delegation of authority, the term "functions" includes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, discretion, determination, or activity, including the authority to issue, amend, revise, or otherwise provide for standards and procedures implementing Presidential Proclamation No. 7750 of January 12, 2004.

(c) The functions delegated by this delegation of authority may not be redelegated.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the 2003 Product and Country Practice Review and On Certain Product Petitions From Previous Reviews on Which Decisions Were Deferred

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in 2003 to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices. This notice announces the product and country practice petitions that are accepted for further review in the 2003 GSP Annual Review and sets forth the schedule for comment and public hearing on these petitions and on certain product petitions from previous reviews on which there was a deferral of decisions, for requesting participation in the hearing, and for submitting pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 "1974 Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated July 16, 2003, USTR extended the due date for the filing of product and country practice petitions for the 2003 GSP Annual Review to September 2, 2003 (68 FR 42156). The product petitions received requested changes in the list of eligible products by adding or removing products, or by waiving the "competitive need limitations" (CNLs) for a country for eligible articles. Authorization for granting CNL waivers is set forth in section 503(d) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2463(d)). The country practice petitions received requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to

determine whether such countries are in compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 502(b) and 502(c) of the 1974 Act.

The interagency GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has reviewed both the product and country practice petitions, and the TPSC has decided to initiate a full review of the product petitions listed in Annex II and not to initiate a full review of the country practice petitions submitted. Annex II to this notice sets forth, for each type of change requested: the case number, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheading number, a brief description of the product (*see* the HTS for an authoritative description available on the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) Web site <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>), and the petitioner for each petition included in this review. Acceptance of a petition for review does not indicate any opinion with respect to the disposition on the merits of the petition. Acceptance indicates only that the listed petitions have been found eligible for review by the TPSC and that such review will take place.

Modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting from the 2003 Annual Review will be announced on or about June 30, 2004, in the **Federal Register**, and any changes will take effect on the effective date to be announced.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated July 3, 2003, USTR announced decisions in the 2001 Special Three Country Review for Argentina, Philippines, and Turkey, the 2001 GSP-AGOA (African Growth and Opportunity Act) Review, and the 2002 Annual Product Review (68 FR 40012), including the deferral of decisions on certain product petitions requesting the addition or removal of certain products from the Generalized System of Preferences. These petitions are described in Annex III.

Opportunities for Public Comment and Inspection of Comments

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of or in opposition to any petition which is included in this Annual Review (Annex II) or any petition on which there was a deferral of decision (Annex III). Submissions should comply with 15 CFR part 2007, except as modified below. All submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the case number and HTS subheading number as shown in Annexes II and III. The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise