

Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material Representing the Pre-Classical and Imperial Roman Periods of Italy.” The Committee’s review will focus primarily on Article II of the agreement.

Portions of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). There will also be an open session to receive comments from interested parties regarding this agreement. The open portion of the meeting will be held from approximately 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Seating is limited. Persons wishing to attend this open portion of the meeting must notify the Cultural Property office at (202) 619-6612 by 5 p.m. (e.d.t.) Thursday, April 29, 2004, to arrange for admission. Persons wishing to make an oral presentation based on written comments at the open portion of the meeting, or to submit written comments for the Committee’s consideration, must provide these comments in writing by 5 p.m., (e.d.t.) April 29, 2004. All written comments may be faxed to (202) 260-4893.

Oral presentations will be limited to ensure time for the Committee to pose questions.

Information about the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act and this agreement may be found at <http://exchanges.state.gov/culprop>.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

**Miller Crouch,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Trade Policy Staff Committee; Request for Public Comment on Review of Employment Impact of United States–Panama Free Trade Negotiations

**AGENCIES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Labor (Labor) are initiating a review of the impact of the proposed U.S.-Panama free trade negotiations on United States employment, including labor markets. This notice seeks written public comment on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in

the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA.

**DATES:** USTR and Labor will accept any comments received during the course of the negotiations of the FTA. However, comments should be received by noon, May 24, 2004, to be assured of timely consideration in the preparation of the report.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions by electronic mail: [FR0424@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0424@ustr.gov). Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Substantive questions concerning the employment impact review should be addressed to Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-4883; or William Clatanoff, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Labor, telephone (202) 395-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### 1. Background Information

On November 18, 2003, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, the United States Trade Representative notified the Congress of the President’s intent to enter into negotiations on a free trade agreement with Panama. The notification letters to the Congress can be found on the USTR Web site at [http://www.ustr.gov/new/fta/Panama/2003-11-18-notification\\_letter.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/new/fta/Panama/2003-11-18-notification_letter.pdf). We intend to launch negotiations the week of April 26, 2004.

In January 2004, the USTR requested the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) provide advice on probable economic effects. The ITC intends to provide this advice during the month of April 2004, prior to initiation of the negotiations.

#### 2. Employment Impact Review

Section 2102(c)(5) of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, 19 U.S.C. 3802(c)(5), directs the President to “review the impact of future trade agreements on United States employment, including labor markets, modeled after Executive Order 13141 to the extent appropriate in establishing procedures and criteria, report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the

Committee on Finance of the Senate on such review, and make that report available to the public.” USTR and the Department of Labor will conduct the employment reviews through the TPSC.

The employment impact review will be based on the following elements, which are modeled to the extent appropriate after those in E.O. 13141. The review will be: (1) Written; (2) initiated through a **Federal Register** notice soliciting public comment and information on the employment impact of the FTA in the United States; (3) made available to the public in draft form for public comment, to the extent practicable; and (4) made available to the public in final form.

Comments may be submitted on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA. Persons submitting comments should provide as much detail as possible in support of their submissions.

#### 3. Requirements for Submissions

To ensure prompt and full consideration of responses, the TPSC strongly recommends that interested persons submit comments by electronic mail to the following e-mail address: [FR0424@ustr.gov](mailto:FR0424@ustr.gov). Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: “Panama Employment Review.” Documents should be submitted in WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable in Quattro Pro or Excel format. 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 character “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 will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business 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 non-confidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and non-confidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room in Room 3 of the Annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is generally open to the public from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Trade Policy Staff Committee; Request for Public Comment on Review of Employment Impact of United States—Thailand Free Trade Negotiations

**AGENCIES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Labor (Labor) are initiating a review of the impact of the proposed United States-Thailand free trade agreement (FTA) on United States employment, including labor markets. This notice seeks written public comment on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA.

**DATES:** USTR and Labor will accept any comments received during the course of the negotiations of the FTA. However, comments should be received by noon, May 24, 2004, to be assured of timely consideration in the preparation of the report.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Background Information

On February 12, 2004, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, the United States Trade Representative notified the Congress of the President's intent to enter into negotiations on a free trade agreement with Thailand. The notification letters to the Congress can be found on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2004/02/2004-02-12-letter-thailand-house.pdf> and <http://www.ustr.gov/releases/2004/02/2004-02-12-letter-thailand-senate.pdf> respectively. We intend to launch negotiations in June 2004.

On February 19, 2004, the USTR requested the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to provide advice on probable economic effects. The ITC intends to provide this advice within six months of receipt of this request.

##### 2. Employment Impact Review

Section 2102(c)(5) of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, 19 U.S.C. 3802(c)(5), directs the President to "review the impact of future trade agreements on United States employment, including labor markets, modeled after Executive Order 13141 to the extent appropriate in establishing procedures and criteria, report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on such review, and make that report available to the public." USTR and the Department of Labor will conduct the employment reviews through the TPSC.

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