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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee: Public Comments Regarding the Environmental Review of the WTO DOHA Development Agenda (DDA) Negotiations

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff
Committee (TPSC) is requesting written
public comments on the scope of the
environmental review of the multilateral
negotiations of the Doha Development
Agenda (DDA) conducted under the
auspices of the World Trade
Organization (WTO). The TPSC is
seeking to supplement and further
inform its consideration of reasonably
foreseeable significant environmental
effects that might flow from economic
changes attributable to the negotiations,
in the light of progress to date in the
negotiations, notably, the Decision
Adopted by the WTO General Council
on 1 August 2004 on the Doha Work
Program.

DATES: Public comments should be
received no later than March 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions by electronic
mail:* FR0515@USTR.EOP.GOV.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue,
Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff
Committee, at (202) 395-6143. The
public is strongly encouraged to submit
documents electronically rather than by
facsimile. (See requirements for
submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General inquiries concerning the
environmental review should be made
to the USTR Office of Environment and
Natural Resources at (202) 395-7320.
Procedural inquiries concerning the
public comment process should be
directed to Gloria Blue, Executive
Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee,
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
(USTR), (202) 395-3475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Environmental Review: Executive
Order 13141—*Environmental Review of
Trade Agreements* (November 1999)—
and the implementing guidelines
(December 2000) formalize the U.S.
policy of conducting environmental

reviews for certain major trade
agreements. Reviews are used to
identify potentially significant,
reasonably foreseeable environmental
impacts (both positive and negative),
and information from the review can
help facilitate consideration of
appropriate responses where impacts
are identified. The Order requires
environmental reviews of certain types
of agreements, including comprehensive
multilateral trade rounds. *See* 64 FR
63169. Reviews address potential
environmental impacts that may be
associated with projected economic
changes expected to occur as a result of
the proposed agreement, and potential
implications for environmental laws
and regulations. The focus of the
reviews is on impacts on the United
States, although global and
transboundary impacts may be
considered, where appropriate and
prudent.

Comments are invited on the scope of
the environmental review, including
any reasonably foreseeable, potentially
significant environmental effects that
might flow from economic changes
attributable to the negotiations, and
potential implications for U.S.
environmental laws, regulations and
other measures. The TPSC also
welcomes public views on appropriate
methodologies for conducting the
review. Comments are particularly
invited on potentially significant
environmental effects—both positive
and negative—that might flow from the
agriculture, non-agricultural market
access (including tariffs and non-tariff
barriers to sectors such as
environmental goods, fish and forestry),
services (including environmental
services), rules (including ways to
clarify and improve disciplines on
environmentally harmful fish
subsidies), trade facilitation, and the
Special Session of the Committee on
Trade and Environment negotiations.
Persons submitting written comments
should provide as much detail as
possible on the degree to which the
subject matter they propose for
inclusion in the review may raise
significant environmental issues in the
context of the negotiation.

This request for comment
supplements earlier requests for
comments, and there is no need to
resubmit comments previously provided
to the TPSC. Submissions were received
and are being considered in response to
the following notices: (1) Notice of
Initiation of the Environmental Review
and Request for Comment on Scope of
Environmental Review of Mandated
Multilateral Trade Negotiations on
Agriculture and Services in the World

Trade Organization, 66 FR 20846 (April
25, 2001); and (2) Initiation of
Environmental Review of Doha
Multilateral Trade Negotiations and
Public Comments on the Scope of
Environmental Review, 67 FR 34750
(May 15, 2002). Those comments are
available for public inspection in the
USTR Reading Room (*see below*). New
or updated submissions are welcome.
The TPSC will review supplemental or
new comments, in conjunction with
earlier submissions, in conducting the
environmental review.

DOHA Development Agenda: The
next meeting of the WTO at the
ministerial-level will be in December
2005. Work in 2005 is expected to focus
on the technical issues necessary to
move the agenda forward, particularly
in the light of the WTO General
Council's Decision of 1 August 2004,
which contained further direction for
the agriculture, non-agricultural market
access and services negotiations, and
the launch of negotiations on trade
facilitation. The General Council's
decision also took note of the reports
from the Negotiating Group on Rules
and from the Special Session of the
Committee on Trade and Environment.
It reaffirmed Members' commitment to
progress in these areas of the
negotiations in line with the Doha
mandate. Accordingly, the TPSC seeks
to provide a new opportunity for public
comment on the environmental review
of the ongoing negotiations.

In a separate notice, the TPSC has
requested public views on the general
U.S. negotiating objectives and country
and item-specific priorities for the Doha
negotiations, including with respect to
objectives concerning the environmental
discussions, 69 FR 71466 (December 9,
2004). That notice contains more
detailed information concerning the
scope of the negotiations. Further
information on the WTO, including the
declarations and decisions referred to in
this notice or proposals tabled, can be
obtained via the Internet at the WTO
Web site, <http://www.wto.org>, and/or
the USTR Web site, <http://www.ustr.gov>.
The 2004 President's Annual Report on
the Trade Agreements Program, which
is available on the USTR Web site,
contains extensive information on the
WTO and the status of work in the
WTO.

Written Submissions: Persons
submitting comments may either send
one copy by fax to Gloria Blue,
Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff
Committee, at (202) 395-6143 or
transmit a copy electronically to
FR0515@USTR.EOP.GOV, with "Doha
Environmental Review" in the subject
line. For documents sent by fax, USTR

requests that the submitter provide a confirmation copy electronically. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. USTR encourages the use of Adobe PDF format to submit attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, 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 submitted no later than March 31, 2005.

Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially should also be contained in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must clearly be marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain business confidential information should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page, "Public Version" or "Non-Confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, Office of the United States Trade Representative. An appointment to review the file can be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The 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.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Containing a Draft Air Quality General Conformity Determination (DGCD) and Draft Section 106 Historic Resources Report; Notice of Public Comment Period and Schedule of Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings for Proposed New Runways and Associated Development at Washington Dulles International Airport, Chantilly, VA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is a cooperating federal agency, having jurisdiction by law because the proposed federal action has the potential for significant wetland impacts.

ACTION: Notice of availability, notice of comment period, notice of Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)—Proposed New Runways and Associated Development at Washington Dulles International Airport, has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. The DEIS incorporates a Draft Air Quality General Conformity Determination (DGCD) and Draft Section 106 Historic Resources Report. Written requests for the DEIS and written comments on the DEIS and related documents can be submitted to the individual listed in the section **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings will be held on February 22 and February 23, 2005. The public comment periods will commence on January 21, 2005 and will close on March 7, 2005.

Public Comment and Information Meetings/Public Hearings: The start of the public comment period on the DEIS and associated studies will be January 21, 2005 and will end on March 7, 2005. Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings will be held on February 22, 2005 in Loudoun County and on February 23, 2005 in Fairfax County. The Public Information Meetings will begin at 5 p.m. (EST) and will last until 8 p.m. (EST). The Public Hearings will be conducted concurrently with the information meetings and will begin at 6 p.m. (EST). The location for the Public Information Meetings/Public Hearings is

as follows: February 22, 2005, Loudoun County, Farmwell Station Middle School, 44281 Gloucestercor Parkway, Ashburn, VA; February 23, 2005, Fairfax County, Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA.

Copies of the DEIS and related documents may be viewed during regular business hours at the following locations:

1. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive, Centreville, VA.
2. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA.
3. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA.
4. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon, VA.
5. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA.
6. Fairfax City Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA.
7. Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn, VA.
8. Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA.
9. Middleburg Library, 101 Reed Street, Middleburg, VA.
10. Purcellville Library, 220 E. Main Street, Purcellville, VA.
11. Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA.
12. Eastern Loudoun Regional Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA.
13. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA.

A limited number of copies of the DEIS and related documents will also be available for review by appointment only at the following FAA/Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Offices. Please call to make arrangements for viewing: Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, VA, (703) 661-1364; Washington Dulles International Airport, Airport Managers Office, Main Terminal Baggage Claim Level, Dulles, VA, (703) 572-2710. An Executive Summary will be available January 21, 2005 on Dulles Airport's Web site at <http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/EnvironmentalStudies/RunwaysEIS.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Mehaffy, Environmental Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, VA. Mr. Mehaffy can be contacted at (703) 661-1364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is issuing this Notice of Availability to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) containing a Draft Air Quality General