

human environment (71 FR 56188, dated September 26, 2006).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of September 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), as Amended: Notice Regarding the 2004 and 2005 Annual Reviews

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in September 2005 to review certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the ATPA eligibility criteria. In a November 22, 2005 notice, USTR published a list of responsive petitions that were accepted for review. In a February 27, 2006 notice, USTR specified the results of the preliminary review of those petitions as well as the status of the petitions filed in 2004 that have remained under review. This notice provides an update on the status of those reviews.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bennett M. Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Latin America, at (202) 395-9446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ATPA (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*), as renewed and amended by the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act of 2002 (ATPDEA) in the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), provides trade benefits for eligible Andean countries. Pursuant to section 3103(d) of the ATPDEA, USTR promulgated regulations (15 CFR part 2016) (68 FR 43922) regarding the review of eligibility of countries for the benefits of the ATPA, as amended.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated August 18, 2005, USTR initiated the 2005 ATPA Annual Review and announced a deadline of September 19, 2005 for the filing of petitions (69 FR 51138). Several of these petitions requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing

countries regarding compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 203(c) and (d) and section 204(b)(6)(B) of the ATPA, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3203(c) and (d); 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B)).

In a **Federal Register** notice dated November 22, 2005, USTR published a list of the responsive petitions filed pursuant to the announcement of the annual review (69 FR 65674). In a **Federal Register** notice dated February 27, 2006, USTR announced the results of the preliminary review by the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) of these petitions. The notice also indicated that the TPSC would continue to review the remaining 2004 petitions. The TPSC has now determined that the issues raised in the petition filed by LeTourneau of Peru, Inc. with respect to Peru have been resolved. Therefore, that petition does not require further action, and the TPSC is terminating its review.

With respect to the remaining petitions, the TPSC is modifying the schedule for this review, in accordance with 15 CFR 2016.2(b). This review will continue through December 31, 2006, which is the period that the ATPDEA is in effect. Following is the list of all petitions that remain under review:

Peru: Engelhard;

Peru: Princeton Dover;

Peru: Duke Energy;

Ecuador: AFL-CIO; Human Rights Watch; and US/LEAP;

Ecuador: Chevron Texaco.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project; Department of Defense

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to this demonstration to facilitate the transition of Acquisition Demonstration Project employees to the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) by authorizing an out-of-cycle Contribution-based Compensation and Appraisal System (CCAS) payout and amending conversion-out procedures.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD or "the Department"), with the approval of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), received authority to conduct a personnel demonstration project within DoD's civilian acquisition

workforce and those supporting personnel assigned to work directly with it. [See Section 4308 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106; 10 U.S.C.A. section 1701 note), as amended by section 845 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Pub. L. 105-85)]. The project was developed under legislative authority granted in Fiscal Year 1996 and modified in Fiscal Year 1998. Subsequent legislation authorized establishment of NSPS, a human resources management system for DoD under 5 U.S.C. 9902, as enacted by section 1101 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Pub. L. 108-136). This notice provides authorization for an out-of-cycle payout under CCAS prior to transition to NSPS and addresses procedures for conversion of employees from this demonstration project to NSPS.

DATES: This amendment is effective upon publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

DoD: Mary S. Thomas, Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, 2001 North Beauregard Street, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA 22311, 703-681-3508. *OPM:* Michael Carmichael, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7412, Washington, DC 20415, 202-606-1868.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

OPM approved and published the project plan for the Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project in the **Federal Register** on January 8, 1999 (Volume 64, Number 5, Part VII). Since that time, three amendments have been published. The first amendment was published in the May 21, 2001, **Federal Register**, Volume 66, Number 98, to (1) correct discrepancies in the list of occupational series included in the project and (2) authorize managers to offer a buy-in to Federal employees entering the project after initial implementation. A second amendment was published in the April 24, 2002, **Federal Register**, Volume 67, Number 79, to (1) make employees in the top broadband level of their career path eligible to receive a "very high" overall contribution score and (2) reduce the minimum rating period under CCAS to 90 consecutive calendar days. Finally, the third amendment was published in the July 1, 2002, **Federal Register**, Volume 67, Number 126, to (1) list all organizations that are eligible to participate in the project and (2) make the resulting adjustments to the table