

advice on radiation protection, radioactive waste management and earth sciences in the agency's licensing reviews for fuel fabrication and enrichment facilities, waste disposal facilities, and facilities related to the Department of Energy's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

The ACRS also has some involvement in security matters related to the integration of safety and security of commercial reactors. See NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/advisory/acrs.html> for additional information about ACRS. Criteria used to evaluate candidates include education and experience, demonstrated skills in nuclear reactor safety matters, the ability to solve complex technical problems, and the ability to work collegially on a board, panel, or committee. The Commission, in selecting its Committee members, considers the need for a specific expertise to accomplish the work expected to be before the ACRS. ACRS Committee members are appointed for four-year terms and normally serve no more than three terms. The Commission looks to fill one vacancy as a result of this request. For this position, a candidate must have at least 10 years of experience in the areas of nuclear materials and radiation protection. Candidates with pertinent graduate level experience will be given additional consideration. Consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds, so that the membership on the Committee is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed by the Committee. Candidates will undergo a thorough security background check to obtain the security clearance that is mandatory for all ACRS members. The security background check will involve the completion and submission of paperwork to NRC. Candidates for ACRS appointments may be involved in or have financial interests related to NRC-regulated aspects of the nuclear industry. However, because conflict-of-interest considerations may restrict the participation of a candidate in ACRS activities, the degree and nature of any such restriction on an individual's activities as a member will be considered in the selection process. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations prior to final appointment. This might require divestiture of securities or discontinuance of certain

contracts or grants. Information regarding these restrictions will be provided upon request. A résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including any special accomplishments, publications, and professional references should be provided. Candidates should provide their current address, telephone number, and e-mail address. All candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to factors such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States and be able to devote approximately 100 days per year to Committee business. Résumés will be accepted until April 30, 2008.

Dated: March 18, 2008.

**Andrew Bates,**

*Federal Advisory Committee, Management Officer.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

**[Docket No. WTO/DS373]**

### WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Measures Affecting Financial Information Services and Foreign Financial Information Suppliers

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on March 3, 2008, in accordance with the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (WTO Agreement), the United States requested consultations with China regarding restrictions and requirements China imposes on financial information services and service suppliers. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS373/1. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

**DATES:** Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute, comments should be submitted on or before April 18, 2008 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to [FR0806@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0806@ustr.eop.gov), with "China

Financial Information Services (DS373)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above, in accordance with the requirements for submission set out below.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James P. Kelleher, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-3150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USTR is providing notice that the United States has requested consultations with China pursuant to the WTO *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"). If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within nine months after it is established.

## Major Issues Raised by the United States

On March 3, 2008, the United States requested consultations with China regarding restrictions and requirements that China imposes on financial information services and service suppliers. China requires foreign financial information suppliers to supply their services through an entity designated by Xinhua News Agency ("Xinhua"). Xinhua has designated one of its commercial enterprises as the only available agent. Xinhua, through its organizational structure, including related entities and affiliates, appears to be not only the regulator but also a competitor of foreign financial information suppliers. For example, Xinhua has launched "Xinhua 08", a financial information supplier that supplies services on a commercial basis and in competition with foreign service suppliers. China also appears to prevent foreign financial information service suppliers from establishing any commercial operations in China other than limited representative offices. China's measures include the following, as well as any amendments and related or implementing measures:

- Notice Authorizing Xinhua News Agency To Implement Centralized Administration Over the Release of Economic Information in the People's Republic of China by Foreign News Agencies and Their Subsidiary Information Institutions (December 31, 1995);
- Decision on Establishing Administrative Permission for the

**Administrative Examination and Approval of Items That Must Be Retained (June 29, 2004);**

- Measures for Administering the Release of News and Information in China by Foreign News Agencies (September 10, 2006);
- Notices on the Annual Inspection of Foreign News Dissemination Entities;
- Catalogue of Industries for Guiding Foreign Investment (October 31, 2007);
- Decisions of the State Council Regarding Entrance of Non-Public Capital Into Cultural Industries (April 13, 2005);
- Several Opinions on Introducing Foreign Investment Into the Cultural Sector (July 6, 2005);
- Opinion on Foreign Investment in Cultural Industries (August 5, 2005);
- Detailed Rules on the Approval and Control of Resident Representative Offices of Foreign Enterprises (February 13, 1995);
- Procedures of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce for the Registration and Administration of Resident Representative Offices of Foreign Enterprises (March 5, 1983);
- Rules for Internet Information Services (September 2000); and
- Administrative Rules for Internet News Information Services (September 25, 2005);

These and other requirements and restrictions appear to accord less favorable treatment to foreign financial information services and service suppliers than that accorded Chinese financial information services and service suppliers which are not affected by these requirements and restrictions. China's measures also appear to impose requirements on foreign financial information suppliers that are more restrictive than those imposed on them at the time of China's accession to the WTO.

USTR believes these measures are inconsistent with China's obligations under Articles XVI, XVII, and XVIII of the *General Agreement on Trade in Services* and Part I.1.2 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China, including paragraph 309 of the Working Party Report.

**Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions**

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to *FR0806@ustr.eop.gov*, with "China Financial Information Services (DS373)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy

sent electronically to the electronic mail address above.

USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format as 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 must be in English. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person 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 commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" must be marked at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Persons who submit confidential business information are encouraged also to provide a non-confidential summary of the information.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

- (1) Must clearly so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page; and
- (3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened or in the event of an appeal from such a panel, the U.S. submissions, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, received from other participants in the dispute; the report of the panel; and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. The USTR

Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/DS-373, China Financial Information Services Dispute) may be made by calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: OPM Form 1644 Child Care Provider Information for the Child Care Subsidy Program for Federal Employees OMB No. 3206-0240**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. Approval for the OPM Form 1644, Child Care Provider Information for the Child Care Subsidy Program for Federal Employees, is used to verify that child care providers are licensed or regulated by local or State authorities, as appropriate. Section 630 of Public Law 107-67, passed by Congress on November 12, 2001, permits Federal agencies to use appropriated funds to help their lower-income employees with their costs for child care provided by a contractor licensed or regulated by local or State authorities, as appropriate. Therefore, agencies need to verify that child care providers to whom they make disbursements in the form of child care subsidies meet the statutory requirement.

Approximately 3500 OPM 1644 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it will take 10 minutes to complete the OPM Form 1644. The annual estimated burden is 333.3 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on:
 

- Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility;
- Whether our estimates of the public burden of this collection of information