DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7280]


SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Francis Alyés,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, from on or about May 8, 2011, until on or about August 1, 2011, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Carol B. Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/632–6473). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522–0505.


Ann Stock,
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7172]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct two open meetings at United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The first meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2011, in conference room 6103. The primary purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the nineteenth session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Subcommittee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG 15) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom, from February 7 to February 11, 2011.

The primary matters to be considered at the 26 January meeting in preparation for BLG 15 include:

— Evaluation of safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments;
— Application of the requirements for the carriage of bio-fuels and bio-fuel blends;
— Development of guidelines and other documents for uniform implementation of the 2004 BWM Convention;
— Development of provision for gas-fuelled ships;
— Casualty analysis;
— Consideration of IACS unified interpretations;
— Development of international measures for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species through bio-fouling of ships;
— Revision of the IGC Code;
— Review of relevant non-mandatory instruments as a consequence of the amended MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code;
— Development of a Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk in offshore support vessels;
— Amendments to SOLAS to mandate enclosed space entry and rescue drills;
— Revision of the Recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships;
— Review of proposed amendments to chapter 14 of the FSS Code related to ships carrying liquid substances listed in the IBC Code.

The second meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2011 in Conference Room 05–1224 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the eleventh session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Subcommittee on Flag State Implementation (FSI 19) to be held at the IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom, from February 21 to February 25, 2011.

The primary matters to be considered at the 15 February meeting in preparation for FSI 19 include:

— Adoption of the agenda;
— Decisions of other IMO bodies;
— Responsibilities of Governments and measures to encourage flag State compliance;
— Mandatory reports under International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78);
— Casualty statistics and investigations;
— Harmonization of port State control activities;
— Port State Control (PSC) Guidelines on seafarers’ working hours and PSC guidelines in relation to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006;
— Development of guidelines on port State control under the 2004 Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention;
— Review of Guidelines for the inspection of anti-fouling systems on ships;
— Comprehensive analysis of difficulties encountered in the implementation of IMO instruments;
— Review of the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC);
— Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) unified interpretations;
— Review of the Code for the Implementation of Mandatory IMO Instruments;
— Development of a Code for Recognized Organizations;
— Measures to protect the safety of persons rescued at sea;
— Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2012.

Members of the public may attend these two meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact one of the two meeting coordinators:
— For the January 26, 2011 meeting in preparation for BLG 15 contact LT S.M. Peterson by e-mail at sean.m.peterson@uscg.mil, by phone/fax at (202) 372–1403/1926, or in writing to (CG–5223), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126 no later than January 19, 2011, seven days prior to the meeting. Please note that requests made after January 19, 2011 might not be accommodated.
— For the February 15, 2011 meeting in preparation for FSI 19 contact Mr. E.J. Terminella, by e-mail at emanuel.j.terminella@uscg.mil, by phone/fax at (202) 372–1239/1918, or in writing at Commandant (CG–543), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7581, Washington, DC 20593–7581 not later than February 8,
2011, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after February 8, 2011 might not be able to be accommodated.

Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: http://www.uscg.mil/imo.

Jon Trent Warner,
Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the Acceptance of Petitions To Grant a Competitive Need Limitation (CNL) Waiver

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), in connection with the 2010 GSP Annual Review, has received petitions to waive the competitive need limitations (CNLs) on imports of certain products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program. This notice announces those petitions that have been accepted for further review. All other petitions have been rejected. Authorization of the GSP program expires on December 31, 2010. If and when the program is reauthorized, a schedule for submission of public comments and for a public hearing on the petitions will be announced in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395–6971, the fax number is (202) 395–9674, and the e-mail address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of eligible articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program 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 15, 2010, USTR announced that the deadline for the filing of petitions requesting CNL waivers for the 2010 GSP Annual Review was November 16, 2010 (75 FR 41274). Of the petitions submitted in response to this notice, the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee has accepted for review petitions on the following four products: (1) Lysine and its esters from Brazil (HTS 2922.41.00); (2) pneumatic tires from Sri Lanka (HTS 4011.93.80); (3) certain rubber gloves from Thailand (HTS 4015.19.10); and (4) calcium silicon ferroalloys from Argentina (HTS 7202.99.20).

Additional information regarding the petitions with respect to these articles is provided in the “List of CNL Waiver Submissions Accepted in the 2010 GSP Annual Review” that is posted on the USTR Web site (http://www.ustr.gov). 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 and that such review will take place.

Section 505 of the Trade Act states that duty-free treatment provided under the GSP shall not remain in effect after December 31, 2010. If and when the program is reauthorized, a schedule for submission of public comments and for a public hearing on the petitions will be announced in the Federal Register.

Receipt of Advice From the USITC

In accordance with authority delegated to the U.S. Trade Representative by the President, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 and in accordance with section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act, that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) provide its advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the CNL specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for the country specified with respect to the products cited above. The USITC has also been asked to provide advice as to the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, on total U.S. imports, and on U.S. consumers.

William D. Jackson,
Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Generalized System of Preferences, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Subsidies on Wind Power Equipment

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 December 22, 2010, in accordance with the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (“WTO Agreement”), the United States requested consultations regarding certain subsidies provided by the People’s Republic of China (China) on wind power equipment. The consultation request addresses a measure of China entitled the “Provisional Measures on Administration of Special Fund for Industrialization of Wind Power Equipment” (“Wind Power Equipment Fund”). The Wind Power Equipment Fund provides grants that appear to be contingent on the use of domestic over imported wind power equipment, and thus appears to be a prohibited subsidy that is inconsistent with China’s obligations under Article 3 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (“SCM Agreement”). In addition, as it appears that China has neither made available a translation of the measure into a WTO official language nor notified it to the WTO, China appears to have failed to comply with its transparency obligations under the WTO Agreement. 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 settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before January 31, 2011, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Non-confidential comments (as explained below) should be submitted electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2010–0036. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact