

September 18, 2011, until on or about December 10, 2011, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (*telephone*: 202-632-6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA-5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: February 28, 2011.

Ann Stock,

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

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS414]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties on Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel From the United States

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 February 11, 2011, the United States requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”) with the People’s Republic of China (“China”) concerning countervailing and anti-dumping duties on Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel (“GOES”) from the United States. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org>, in a document designated as WT/DS414/2. 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 May 2, 2011, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2010-0027. If you are unable to provide submissions by [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Laroski, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative; or Joseph Rieras, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative. Contact information is: 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (“URAA”) (19 U.S.C. 3527(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that the United States has requested a panel pursuant to the *WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (“DSU”). Once it is established pursuant to the panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, and 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

The United States considers that certain measures imposing countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties on GOES from the United States are inconsistent with China’s commitments and obligations under the WTO Agreement. The measures are set forth in the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China (“MOFCOM”) Notice No. 21 [2010], including its annexes. These measures appear to be inconsistent with Articles 1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 6.4, 6.5.1, 6.8, 6.9, 12.2, 12.2.2, and Paragraph 1 of Annex II of the Anti Dumping Agreement; Articles 10, 11.2, 11.3, 12.3, 12.4.1, 12.7, 12.8, 15.1, 15.2, 15.5, 22.3, and 22.5 of the Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement; and Article VI of the GATT 1994. On September 15, 2010, the United States requested consultations with China. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS414/1. The United States and China held consultations on November 1, 2010, but the consultations did not resolve the matter.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Persons may submit public comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2010-0027. If you are unable to provide submissions by <http://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

To submit comments via <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR-2010-0027 on the home page and click “search”. The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled “Submit a Comment.” (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use This Site” on the left side of the home page.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type Comment and Upload File” field, or by attaching a document. It is expected that most comments will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type “See attached” in the “Type Comment and Upload File” field.

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 submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Any comment containing business confidential information must be submitted by fax to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640. A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov>. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

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) Must provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Any comment containing confidential information must be submitted by fax. A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to <http://www.regulations.gov>. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a docket on this dispute settlement proceeding accessible to the public. 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, any non-confidential submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, received from other participants in the dispute, will be made available to the public on USTR’s Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>, and the report of the panel, and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body, will be available on the Web site of the World Trade Organization, <http://www.wto.org>. Comments open to public inspection may be viewed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site.

Bradford Ward,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS413]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Certain Measures Affecting Electronic Payment Services

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 February 11,

2011, the United States requested establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”) with the People’s Republic of China (“China”) concerning certain restrictions and requirements maintained by China affecting electronic payment services for payment card transactions and the suppliers of those services. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS413/2. 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 May 2, 2011, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR–2010–026. If you are unable to provide submissions to <http://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank J. Schweitzer, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that it has requested a panel pursuant to the WTO *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (“DSU”). Once it is established, the panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, and would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within nine months of its establishment.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

On September 15, 2010, the United States requested consultations with China concerning issues relating to certain restrictions and requirements maintained by China affecting electronic

payment services for payment card transactions and the suppliers of those services. Electronic payment services involve the services through which transactions involving credit card, debit card, charge card, check card, automated teller machine (“ATM”) card, prepaid card, or other similar card or money transmission product, are processed and through which transfers of funds between institutions participating in the transactions are managed and facilitated. In the financial services sector, as set out in China’s Schedule of Specific Commitments on Services annexed to the *Protocol on the Accession of the People’s Republic of China*, China undertook both market access and national treatment commitments with respect to these services.

Despite its GATS commitments, China imposes market access restrictions and requirements on service suppliers of other Members seeking to supply electronic payment services in China. China UnionPay (“CUP”), a Chinese entity, is the only entity that China permits to supply electronic payment services for payment card transactions denominated and paid in renminbi (“RMB”) in China. China also requires the handling by CUP of all RMB transactions in Macao or Hong Kong using payment cards issued in Mainland China, as well as any RMB transactions in Mainland China using RMB payment cards issued in Hong Kong, China or Macao, China.

In addition, China requires all payment card processing devices at merchant locations, all ATMs, and all point-of-sale (“POS”) terminals in China to be compatible with CUP’s system and capable of accepting CUP payment cards. China also requires that all acquiring institutions post the CUP logo and be capable of accepting all payment cards bearing the CUP logo. China further requires that all payment cards, including “dual currency” cards, issued in China capable of being used for transactions denominated and paid in RMB bear the CUP logo. These measures do not impose similar requirements regarding non-CUP payment cards or to transactions using non-CUP payment cards. China also requires that all inter-bank transactions involving payment cards be handled through CUP. China prohibits the use of non-CUP payment cards for cross-region or inter-bank transactions.

The United States considers that these measures are inconsistent with China’s obligations under GATS Article XVI:1 to accord services and services suppliers of any other Member treatment no less favorable than that provided for in