

VACS-D at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/100305.pdf> for additional information. Persons who cannot participate in the meeting but who wish to comment on the draft Federal implementing legislation are welcome to do so by e-mail to Keith Loken at lokenk@state.gov. A member of the public needing reasonable accommodation should advise the contact persons identified above not later than June 8th. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled. If you are unable to attend the public meeting in person and would like to participate by teleconferencing, please contact Tricia Smeltzer or Niesha Toms at 202-776-8420 to receive the conference call-in number and the relevant information.

Dated: April 28, 2011.

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Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments on Possible Negotiations in the World Trade Organization To Expand the Information Technology Agreement, Including Its Product Coverage

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting comments from the public on whether the United States should undertake negotiations to expand the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and, if so: (1) Which additional information and communications technology (ICT) products the United States should seek to include and provide duty-free treatment under the ITA, including both products that existed when the ITA was concluded in 1996 but that were not covered under the agreement as well as products that have been developed since then; and (2) which U.S. trading partners that are significant producers or consumers of ICT products that are not currently participants in the ITA the United States should seek to have join the ITA. The TPSC will consider public comments in formulating U.S. positions and objectives regarding possible negotiations to expand the ITA.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon, June 13, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Pieten (Director for Industrial Trade Policy) or Mary Thornton (Director for Tariff Affairs), Office of Small Business, Market Access, and Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 600 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-5656, Fax (202) 395-9674.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any amendments to the ITA resulting from negotiations to expand the agreement will be subject to approval by its current participants.

Background Information

In December 1996, United States and 36 other countries and separate customs territories reached agreement to

eliminate tariffs on a wide range of ICT products. The resulting agreement, the *Ministerial Declaration on Trade in Information Technology Products* (also termed the Information Technology Agreement, or ITA) was implemented under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The number of ITA participants has since grown to 73, reflecting a significant increase in participation by developing countries, and currently representing approximately 97 percent of world trade in ITA products. However, many countries still remain outside of the agreement. *Current participants include:* Albania; Australia; Bahrain; Canada; China; Chinese Taipei; Costa Rica; Croatia; Dominican Republic; Egypt; El Salvador; European Union (on behalf of its 27 Member States); Georgia; Guatemala; Honduras; Hong Kong; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Japan; Jordan; Korea; Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Macao; Malaysia; Mauritius; Moldova; Morocco; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Norway; Oman; Panama; Peru; Philippines; Saudi Arabia; Singapore; Switzerland and Liechtenstein; Thailand; Turkey; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United States; and Vietnam. Any WTO Member or any State or separate customs territory in the process of acceding to the WTO may become a participant in the ITA.

The ITA requires participants to eliminate import duties on covered products. The elimination of duties under the agreement has helped to generate substantial growth in ICT trade. Industry sources estimate that global trade in products currently covered under the ITA grew from \$1.2 trillion in 1996 to \$4.0 trillion in 2008.

The ITA currently covers computers and computer equipment, semiconductors and integrated circuits, computer software products, telecommunications equipment, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, and computer-based analytical instruments. The list of covered products has not been expanded since the ITA was concluded in 1996. Detailed information on the ITA, including the text of the agreement and its annexes specifying the products the agreement covers, can be found online at: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/inftec_e/inftec_e.htm.

Comments From the Public

The TPSC, led by USTR, is considering a proposal by industry stakeholders to expand the scope of the ITA significantly to provide duty-free treatment for a broader range of products and encourage wider participation in the agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7399]

Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice

Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on June 7 and 8. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E), it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will focus on an examination of corporate security policies and procedures and will involve extensive discussion of trade secrets and proprietary commercial information that is privileged and confidential, and will discuss law enforcement investigative techniques and procedures. The agenda will include updated committee reports, a global threat overview, and other matters relating to private sector security policies and protective programs and the protection of U.S. business information overseas.

For more information, contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2008, phone: 571-345-2214.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments, by noon, June 13, 2011, on the desirability of engaging in negotiations to expand the ITA. Comments are invited in particular on: (1) Additional ICT products that the United States should seek to include under the ITA, and (2) U.S. trading partners that are significant producers or consumers of ICT products that are not currently participants in the ITA and that the United States should seek to have join the ITA. Comments on proposed additional ICT products may address products that existed when the ITA was concluded in 1996 but that were not covered under the agreement as well as products that have been developed since that time. Those comments should include a detailed description of the specific product(s) and, whenever appropriate, the six-digit (or 8-digit, where applicable) Harmonized System tariff classification number for the product(s) concerned. The TPSC requests this advice pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2155.

Requirements for Submissions

All comments must be submitted in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) the subject matter of the comment as the "Possible Expansion of the Information Technology Agreement." In order to be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted by noon, June 13, 2011.

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Comments should be submitted under the following docket: USTR-2011-0003. To find the docket, enter the docket number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the <http://www.regulations.gov> 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 "Notices" under "Document Type" on 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 the "Help" tab.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a comments field, or by attaching a document. USTR prefers submissions to be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type comment &

Upload File" field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the "Comments" field.

For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC." The top of any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL." Any person filing comments that contain business confidential information must also file in a separate submission a public version of the comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character "P." The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. If a comment contains no business confidential information, the file name should begin with the character "P," followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comment.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files.

Public Inspection of Submissions

Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Comments may be viewed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site by entering docket number USTR-2011-0003 in the search field on the home page.

USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through regulations.gov, if at all possible. Any alternative arrangements must be made with Anita Kyler in advance of transmitting a comment. Ms. Kyler should be contacted at (202) 395-9665. General information concerning USTR is available at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

Donald W. Eiss,

Acting Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2011-19]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before May 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2011-0442 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy: We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to