HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to the order is dispositive.

Partial Rescission of the 2009–2010 Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR § 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the parties that requested a review withdraw the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The instant review was initiated on August 26, 2011, See Deferred Review Initiation Notice, Granoro’s request for withdrawal falls within the 90-day deadline for rescission by the Department, and no other party requested an administrative review of Granoro. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR § 351.213(d)(1), and consistent with our practice, we are rescinding this deferred review of the antidumping duty order on certain pasta from Italy for Granoro.5

Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For Granoro, antidumping duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, in accordance with 19 CFR § 351.212(c)(1)(i).

The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (“APOs”) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under an APO in accordance with 19 CFR § 351.305(a)(5), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction. This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1), and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR §351.213(d)(4).

Dated: November 9, 2011.

Christian Marsh,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

BILLING CODE 3510–DS–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC) will hold a meeting to review subcommittee work identifying proposed programs or policies to focus on in developing its next set of recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce. The recommendations will generally relate to the development and administration of programs and policies to support the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries, including specific challenges associated with exporting. The Committee will also discuss its workplan for the remainder of its 2011–2012 charter.

DATES: Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4830, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jen Derstine, Office of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482–3889; email: jennifer.derstine@trade.gov. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at (202) 482–3889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Commerce established the RE&EEAC pursuant to his discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) on July 14, 2010. The RE&EEAC provides the Secretary of Commerce with consensus advice from the private sector on the development and administration of programs and policies to enhance the international competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the November 30, 2011 RE&EEAC meeting is as follows:

Closed Session (8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.). Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) of the Government in the sunshine Act.

Open Session (9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.).
2. Discussion of RE&EEAC Workplan through July 2012.
3. Discussion of Guiding Questions.
4. Public comment period.

The meeting room is disabled-accessible. Public seating for the open session of the meeting is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Jen Derstine at the contact information above by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, in order to pre-register for clearance into the building. Please specify any request for reasonable accommodation at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. A limited amount of time, from 3 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the RE&EEAC’s affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to jennifer.derstine@trade.gov or to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, Office

of Energy and Environmental Technologies Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4053; 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on November 2, 2011, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. (10)(d)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. App. (10)(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

Copies of REKEEC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days of the meeting.

Dated: November 14, 2011.

Edward A. O’Malley,
Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

[FR Doc. 2011–29725 Filed 11–16–11; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 3510–DR–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
U.S. Automotive Parts and Components Business Development Mission to Russia

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS), is organizing an Automotive Parts and Components Business Development Mission to Russia on April 23–28, 2012. Led by a senior Department of Commerce official, this mission is designed to provide an opportunity to explore Russia’s rapidly expanding car and truck assembly market to a diverse cross section of companies selling goods and services into the automotive sector, including but not limited to:

Components for vehicle manufacture, replacement parts, aftermarket products, repair equipment, capital equipment used for vehicle manufacture, testing equipment, and software and engineering services.

Mission participants will benefit from expert briefings on the Russian market as well as on current developments in Russia’s emerging auto sector. The mission program will include opportunities to meet key Russian Government officials and decision-makers, one-on-one meetings with potential business partners and site visits to automotive assembly plants and component manufacturers. The U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is targeting a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 U.S. companies.

Commercial Setting

During Soviet times, average citizens spent years on waiting lists for the 4 or 5 models of available cars, most based on 1960s technology. Quality control was minimal. In 2010, automobile ownership in Russia—a country of 140 million consumers—grew to more than 244 vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants, 70% higher than the 2001 rate of 140 vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants. This compares to around 850 cars for every 1,000 Americans. Sales of cars and trucks in Russia are currently growing at an annual rate of 30 percent. Approximately 34 million cars are on Russian roads today, of which 14 million are foreign brands.

While sales of Russian automobiles declined in 2008, due to the world-wide financial crisis and recession, car sales have picked up again as the Russian economy recovers. In 2010, Russian customers purchased 1.9 million cars. This figure includes 646,000 new Russian cars and 1.25 million foreign cars, both imported and produced in Russia. Importers forecast continued rapid growth of approximately 20 percent in 2011. If these trends continue, most experts project Russia will be the largest automotive market in Europe in the next few years.

Prior to the global financial crisis that started in 2008, Russia’s economy was growing at a healthy pace. Annual GDP growth averaged 7.5 percent from 2001–2007. In 2008 and 2009, Russia experienced negative GDP growth. However, Russia’s economy began to grow again in late 2010, experiencing GDP growth of 3.8% in the last two quarters and now forecast Russia’s economy, supported by higher prices for oil, gas and raw materials, to continue growing at around 4% annually in the near term.

Russia’s giant auto plants remained largely unaffected by the economic turmoil that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union. During the inflationary 1990s, auto parts became a valuable barter commodity. As the Russian market opened to imports, the few wealthy Russians able to afford imported vehicles opted for new foreign cars. At the same time, imported used cars began to compete with new Russian cars in the rapidly expanding mass market. The financial crisis of 1998 and the significant devaluation of the Russian ruble made imports more expensive and thus provided a stimulus to Russian manufacturers.

Russia’s auto industry has largely been centered in the city of Togliatti in the Samara region and in Nizhny Novgorod. The giant AvtoVaz factory, one of Russia’s largest industrial enterprises, is located in the city of Togliatti. The plant reported output of 517,000 cars in 2011. AvtoVaz produces cars in the $5,000 to $15,000 range for the Russian market and exports about 8% of its output to the former Soviet republics. The GAZ plant in Nizhny Novgorod has ceased production of passenger vehicles. The last Volga Sibir—a modified version of the Chrysler Sebring sedan—rolled off the assembly line October 31, 2010. The factory continues to produce the popular Gazelle line of light trucks and minibuses, and the company also produces general purpose heavy trucks that are used in a variety of industries.

UAZ in Ulyanovsk produces light utility and military vehicles. The UAZ-469 all terrain vehicle was the standard off-road vehicle for the Soviet armed forces and was used by armies around the world due to its reputation for reliability and ease of maintenance. Today, the company’s UAZ Hunter is a successor vehicle to the 469 made for the consumer market, and it has also introduced the UAZ Patriot—a mid-size SUV with an economical price. UAZ produced 49,000 vehicles in 2010.

Russia’s largest automotive corporation KAMAZ is ranked 13th among the world’s heavy truck producers and is number 8 in the production of diesel engines. Its trucks have won the Dakar Rally a record 10 times. It is the largest manufacturer of heavy trucks in the former Soviet Union. Its massive factory in Naberezhnye Chelny, Tatarstan, has production capacity for over 100,000 vehicles. The company’s diesel engine plants include wholly-owned subsidiary