Operations will meet on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Loy Henderson Conference Room of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street NW., (entrance on 23rd Street) Washington, DC. For logistical and security reasons, it is imperative that everyone enter and exit using only the 23rd Street entrance.

The majority of the meeting will be devoted to an exchange of ideas between the Department’s senior management and the panel members on design, operations, and building maintenance, with a focus on the new Design Excellence initiative. There will be reasonable time provided for members of the public to provide comment.

Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance, a member of the public planning to attend should provide, by April 6, his or her name, professional affiliation, date of birth, citizenship, and a valid government-issued ID number (i.e., U.S. government ID, U.S. military ID, passport, or drivers license) via email to: IAPR@state.gov. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be sent to the same email address by April 6. Requests made after that date will be considered, but may not be able to be fulfilled.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Pub.L. 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Pub.L. 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Privacy Impact Assessment for VACS–D at http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/100305.pdf for additional information.

Please contact Christy Foushee at FousheeCT@state.gov or (703) 875–4131 with any questions.


Lydia Muniz,
Director, Acting, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7834]
Notice of U.S. Hosting of 2012–2013 United States-Mexico Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Meetings; Executive Order 11423, as Amended

AGENCY: Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that the United States will host the 2012 series of U.S.-Mexico Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Meetings. The United States has not yet determined the actual dates and locations of the meetings, but expects to host one in summer 2012 and one in the fall/winter 2012, with a plenary session in early 2013. These binational meetings will typically include an open session for those members of the public who are registered to attend the event. The Department of State welcomes public participation in the public sessions. To request notification of the dates and locations of upcoming meetings, please provide your name and email address to the Office of Mexican Affairs’ Border Affairs Unit via email at WHA-MEX-BorderAffairs@state.gov or by mail at WHA-MEX—Room 3908, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520.

DATES: There is no deadline. Requests to be notified will be accepted throughout the year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Palazzolo of the Office of Mexican Affairs’ Border Affairs Unit at 202–647–4131 or via email at WHA-MEX-BorderAffairs@state.gov.


Colleen Hoey,
Acting Director, Office of Mexican Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS430]
WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products

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 6, 2012, the United States requested consultations with the Government of India under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (“WTO Agreement”) concerning antidumping measures prohibitions imposed by India on the importation of various agricultural products from the United States purportedly because of concerns related to Avian Influenza. That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS430/1. 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 settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before April 19, 2012, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0004. If you are unable to provide submissions by 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: Mayur R. Patel, Assistant General Counsel, or Micah Myers, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested 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 6, 2012, the United States requested consultations concerning measures imposed by India prohibiting the importation of various agricultural products from the United States.
purportedly because of concerns related to Avian Influenza. The United States is alleging that India’s measures appear to be inconsistent with Articles I and XI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") and Articles 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 6.1, 6.2, 7, and Annex B, paragraphs 2, 5, and 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

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 www.regulations.gov docket number USTR–2012–0004. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR–2012–0004 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 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 www.regulations.gov site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a "Type Comments" field, or by attaching a document using an "upload file" field. 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 Comments" 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 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 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 Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a docket on this dispute settlement proceeding accessible to the public at www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0004.

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 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, www.wto.org. Comments open to public inspection may be viewed on the www.regulations.gov Web site.

Bradford L. Ward,
Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Air Traffic Noise, Fuel Burn, and Emissions Modeling Using the Aviation Environmental Design Tool Version 2a

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Policy Statement.

SUMMARY: This document provides a statement of FAA policy concerning the required use of the Aviation Environmental Design Tool version 2a (AEDT 2a) to analyze noise, fuel burn, and emissions for FAA air traffic airspace and procedure actions where the study area is larger than the immediate vicinity of an airport, incorporates more than one airport, or includes actions above 3,000 feet above ground level (AGL). The policy statement is intended to ensure consistency and quality of analysis performed to assess noise, fuel burn, and emissions impacts of such actions under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) §§ 4321 et seq.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Cointin, Office of Environment and Energy (AEE), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591; Telephone: (202) 493–5047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, describes FAA policies and procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Under FAA Order 1050.1E, Appendix A, Section 2.4c, states “the [Emissions and Dispersion Modeling System] EDMS is FAA’s required methodology for performing air quality analysis modeling for aviation sources.” Section 2.4d states that “[e]xcept for air toxics or where advance written approval has been granted to use an equivalent methodology and computer model by the FAA Office of Environment and Energy, the air quality analyses for aviation emission sources from airport and FAA proposed projects conducted to satisfy NEPA, general conformity, and 49 USC 47106(c) requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (as amended) must be prepared using the most recent EDMS model available at the start of the environmental analysis process.”