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Dated: August 10, 2012.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 17f-2(a), SEC File No. 270-34, OMB Control No. 3235-0034.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) ("PRA"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information for Rule 17f-2(a) (17 CFR 240.17-2(a)), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 17f-2(a) (Fingerprinting Requirements for Securities Professionals) requires that securities professionals be fingerprinted. This requirement serves to identify security-risk personnel, to allow an employer to make fully informed employment decisions, and to deter possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Partners, directors, officers, and employees of exchanges, brokers, dealers, transfer agents, and clearing agencies are included.

The Commission staff estimates that approximately 10,000 respondents will submit fingerprint cards each year. It also estimates that each respondent will submit 55 fingerprint cards per year. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with Rule 17f-2(a) by completing a fingerprint card is one-half hour. Thus, the total estimated annual burden is 275,000 hours for all respondents (550,000 times one-half hour). The average estimated internal labor cost of compliance per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total estimated annual internal labor cost of compliance for all respondents is \$13,750,000 (275,000 times \$50).

Fingerprint cards submitted under Rule 17f-2(a) must be retained for a period of not less than three years after termination of the person's employment relationship with the organization. Submitting fingerprint cards for all securities personnel is mandatory to obtain the benefit of identifying security-risk personnel, allowing an employer to make fully informed employment decisions and deterring possible wrongdoers from seeking employment in the securities industry. Fingerprint cards submitted according to Rule 17f-2(a) will not be kept confidential.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

Background documentation for this information collection may be viewed at the following Web site: www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 10, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7982]

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Presidential Permit Application

In response to requests, the Department of State is extending the public comment period for the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Presidential Permit application. The Department of State had originally set the end of the comment period at August 9, 2012. The Department has decided, in response to the requests

noted above, to extend the comment period until September 10, 2012. Interested parties may submit written comments via email to NITCComments@state.gov.

The original notice of receipt of the Presidential Permit application was published by the Department of State in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. [Public Notice 7951]. The Presidential permit application can be viewed online at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

Dated: July 10, 2012.

Elizabeth L. Martinez,

Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Change in Hearing Date and Related Deadlines for the Country Practice Petitions Accepted as Part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of change to the hearing date and related deadlines.

SUMMARY: The hearing date previously announced in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 41209) for the country practice petitions accepted as part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review and the related deadlines for submissions of pre-hearing briefs, requests to appear, and post-hearing briefs are being changed to those noted below.

DATES: September 18, 2012: Deadline for submission of pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the October 2, 2012 public hearing; submissions must be received by 5 p.m.

October 2, 2012: The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing on the country practice petitions at 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

October 23, 2012: Deadline for submission of post-hearing briefs, which must be received by 5 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 12, 2012, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 41209) announcing, *inter alia*, that the hearing for the country practice petitions accepted as part of the 2011 Annual GSP Review was scheduled for September 27, 2012. The country

practice petitions newly accepted in the 2011 Annual GSP Review concern practices of Fiji, Indonesia, Iraq, and Ukraine. Pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the hearing were due by September 13, 2012, and that post-hearing comments were due by October 18, 2012. This notice changes the aforementioned dates.

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 email address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

James Sanford,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Small Business, Market Access & Industrial Competitiveness, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Dispute No. WTO/DS436]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding
Regarding United States—
Countervailing Measures on Certain
Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products
From India**

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 India has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”) concerning countervailing measures regarding certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India. That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS436/3. 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 September 28, 2012, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2012-0008. 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: Shane Warren, Assistant General Counsel, or Joseph Laroski, 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) 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 the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that a dispute settlement panel has been established pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (“DSU”). The panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

Major Issues Raised by India

On July 12, 2012, India requested the establishment of a panel to consider claims related to countervailing measures regarding certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India (Investigation C-533-821). India’s challenge addresses the Tariff Act of 1930, in particular sections 771(7)(G) and 776(b), as well as Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 351.308 and 351.511(a)(2)(i)-(iv). In addition, India challenges certain actions of the United States with respect to U.S. Department of Commerce countervailing duty determinations and the countervailing duty order related to certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India. The panel “request covers the countervailing duties applied on the subject goods by the United States from time to time” in connection with Case No. C-533-821. A list of proceedings and actions subject to the panel request is provided at Annex 1 to the request and includes determinations related to the original investigation, certain administrative reviews of the countervailing duty order, and a five-year “sunset” review of that order. The request also covers “amendments, replacements, implementing acts or any other related measure in connection with the measures” described above.

India alleges inconsistencies with Articles I and IV of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*

and Articles 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22 and 32 of the *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing 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-2012-0008. 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-2012-0008 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