

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. USTR–2013–0038]

**2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review
of El Salvador: Identification of
Countries Under Section 182 of the
Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public
Comment**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242) requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (The provisions of Section 182 are commonly referred to as the “Special 301” provisions of the Trade Act.) The USTR is required to determine which, if any, of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. In addition, USTR has created a “Priority Watch List” and “Watch List” under Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Countries placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

In the 2013 Special 301 Report (www.ustr.gov), USTR announced that, in order to monitor progress on specific IPR issues, Out-of-Cycle Reviews would be conducted for El Salvador and Spain. At this time, USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning any act, policy, or practice that is relevant to the decision regarding whether El Salvador should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act. Requests for written submissions relating to the review of Spain will be made in a separate notice at a later date.

DATES: Submissions from the general public must be received on or before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2013. Foreign governments who choose to make written submissions may do so on or before 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2013.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be sent electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number

USTR–2013–0038. Submissions should contain the term “2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of El Salvador” in the “Type Comment” field on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Diehl, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395–6126.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act, USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies, or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country’s designation as a Priority Foreign Country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. USTR may not identify a country as a Priority Foreign Country if that country is entering into good faith negotiations or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights. In addition, USTR has created a “Priority Watch List” and a “Watch List” under Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Countries placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

USTR requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, states, or other subdivisions of a country in which an act, policy, or practice deserve special attention. Submissions may report positive or negative developments with respect to these entities.

Requirements for Comments:

Comments should include a description of the problems experienced by the submitter and the effect of the acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by

the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses. Comments must be in English.

To ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages interested persons to make on-line submissions, using the www.regulations.gov Web site. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR–2013–0038 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 and click on the link entitled “Comment Now!” (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 Regulations.gov” on the bottom of the home page under “Help”.)

The www.regulations.gov Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a “Type Comment” field, or by attaching a document using an “Upload File” field. USTR prefers that comments be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, please type “2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of El Salvador” in the “Type Comment” field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If the submission is in another format, please indicate the name of the software application in the “Type Comment” field.

For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC”. Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” on the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing business confidential information must also submit a public version of their 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. Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

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.

As noted, USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through www.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.

Public Inspection of Comments: Submissions will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.13, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Submissions may be viewed on the www.regulations.gov Web site by entering docket number USTR-2013-0038 in the search field on the home page.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Closed Session

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Special Closed Session.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), notice is hereby given of a special closed session of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The special closed session will be an administrative session for the Committee members to review the provisions of the COMSTAC Charter; the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA); 41 CFR, Parts 101-6 and 102-3; and the Department of Transportation and FAA Orders concerning advisory committee management. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at the National Housing Center, 1201 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Scott (AST-3), Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-7982, email larry.scott@faa.gov.

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Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in North Carolina

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitations on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

SUMMARY: This notice announces action taken by the FHWA and other Federal Agencies that is final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). This final agency action relates to a proposed highway project, Bonner Bridge Replacement Project along NC 12, from Rodanthe to Bodie Island in Dare County, North Carolina. The FHWA's Record of Decision (ROD) identifies the Bridge within the Existing NC 12 Easement Alternative as the selected alternative for Phase IIa of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before April 21, 2014. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Clarence W. Coleman, P. E., Director of Preconstruction and Environment, Federal Highway Administration, North Carolina Division, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1418; Telephone: (919) 747-7014; email: clarence.coleman@dot.gov. FHWA North Carolina Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time). For the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT): Richard Hancock, P.E., Environmental Director, Project Development and Environmental Analysis, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), 1 South Wilmington Street (Delivery), 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548; Telephone

(919) 707-6000, RWHancock@ncdot.gov NCDOT—Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that FHWA has taken final agency action by issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) for the following highway project in the State of North Carolina: Pea Island Long-Term Improvements for Phase IIa of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project along Highway NC 12 in Dare County, North Carolina. The project is also known as State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project B-2500A, and is part of the second phase (Phase IIa) of the Parallel Bridge Corridor/Transportation Management Plan (PBC/TMP), which was identified as the selected alternative for Phase I of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project (STIP No. B-2500) in the Record of Decision (ROD) approved by FHWA on December 20, 2010. The NC 12 PBC/TMP addresses the length of the entire project for STIP No. B-2500, from the Village of Rodanthe to Bodie Island. The TMP is guiding the implementation of future phases of the project through 2060.

Located along the Outer Banks of North Carolina, the selected alternative for Phase IIa proposes to construct a bridge in the existing NC 12 easement approximately 2.1 miles in length to replace the existing surface road and the temporary bridge over the Pea Island inlet. The total approximate length of Phase IIa (including approaches) is 2.4 miles. Pea Island inlet formed as a result of Hurricane Irene in August 2011.

The FHWA's action, related actions by other Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/ Final Section 4(f) Evaluation for the project, approved on September 17, 2008; the Revised Final Section 4(f) Evaluation, approved on October 9, 2009; the Environmental Assessment, approved on May 7, 2010; the FHWA ROD approved on December 20, 2010, for Phase I and the PBC/TMP for the remainder of the project; the Phase IIa Environmental Assessment, approved February 12, 2013; the FHWA ROD for Phase IIa approved on October 7, 2013, and other documents in the project file. The above documents are available for review by contacting the FHWA or the NCDOT at the addresses provided above. In addition, these documents can be viewed and downloaded from the project Web site at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/>