

to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
 (b) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BATS-2015-57 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2015-57. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions

should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2015-57, and should be submitted on or before September 9, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9226]

Notice of Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, in Conference Room 8-9-10 of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters Conference Center, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the second Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, September 14-18, 2015.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Amendments to the IGF Code and development of guidelines for low-flashpoint fuels
- Safety requirements for carriage of liquefied hydrogen in bulk
- Amendments to the IMSBC Code and supplements
- Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements
- Amendments to CSC 1972 and associated circulars
- Revised Guidelines for packing of cargo transport units
- Unified interpretation to provisions of IMO safety, security and environment related Conventions
- Consideration of reports of incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas
- Mandatory requirements for classification and declaration of solid bulk cargoes as harmful to the marine environment
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for CCC 3
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016
- Any other business
- Report to the Committees

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Upon request, members of

the public may also participate via teleconference, up to the capacity of the teleconference phone line. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend, or participate via the teleconference line, should contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Amy Parker, by email at Amy.M.Parker@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1423, or in writing at 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE., Stop 7509, Washington, DC 20593-7509, not later than August 24, 2015, or 7 business days prior to the meeting. Requests made after August 24, 2015 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, a valid, government issued photo identification must be presented to gain entrance to the DOT Headquarters building. DOT Headquarters is accessible by metro via the Navy Yard Metrorail Station, taxi, and privately owned conveyance. However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO-related public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.

Dated: August 10, 2015.

Jonathan W. Burby,

Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9229]

Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services September 2015 Meeting

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Department of State gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services. This Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the American Institute of Architects, Board Room, 1735 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006.

Any member of the public interested in providing input to the meeting should contact Ms. Sherece Robinson, whose contact information is listed below (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice). Each individual providing oral input is requested to limit his or her comments to five minutes. Requests to be added to the speakers list must be received in writing (letter or email) prior to the close of business on Wednesday, September 2, 2015; written comments from members

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

of the public for distribution at this meeting must reach Ms. Robinson by letter or email this same date. A member of the public requesting reasonable accommodation should also make their request to Ms. Robinson by September 2. Requests received after that date will be considered but might not be able to be fulfilled.

The agenda of the meeting will include: Consideration of postal terminal dues, customs treatment of mail, and Universal Postal Union institutional issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Ms. Sherece Robinson of the Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies (IO/STA), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at tel. (202) 663-2649, by email at RobinsonSA2@state.gov, or by mail at IO/STA, Suite L-409 SA-1; U.S. Department of State; Washington, DC 20522.

Dated: August 13, 2015.

Joseph P. Murphy,

Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services, Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP): Notice of Initiation of the 2015
Annual GSP Product and Country
Practices Review; Deadlines for Filing
Petitions**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of procedures for submission of petitions from the public.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is prepared to receive petitions to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices. USTR is also prepared to receive petitions requesting waivers of competitive need limitations (CNLs). This notice provides that, pursuant to 15 CFR part 2007.3, the following deadlines apply with respect to the 2015 review: 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 for the submission of petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any

beneficiary developing country, and 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2015 for the submission of petitions requesting CNL waivers. The lists of petitions accepted for review will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov in docket number USTR-2015-0013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The GSP Program at the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The telephone number is (202) 395-2974, the fax number is (202) 395-9674, and the email address is gsp@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The 2015 Annual GSP Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007.3) provide the timetable for conducting an annual review, unless otherwise specified by notice in the **Federal Register**. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2015 Annual GSP Review, relevant petitions must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee by the following deadlines:

Friday, October 16, 2015, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP.

Friday, October 16, 2015, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country.

Monday, November 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions requesting waivers of CNLs.

Petitions submitted after the above-listed deadlines will not be considered for review. Decisions on which petitions are accepted for review, along with a schedule for any related public hearings and the opportunity for the public to provide comments, will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

GSP Product Review Petitions

Interested parties, including foreign governments, may submit petitions to: (1) Designate additional articles as eligible for GSP benefits, including to designate articles as eligible for GSP benefits only if imported from countries designated as least-developed beneficiary developing countries, or only from countries designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); (2) withdraw, suspend or limit the application of duty-free treatment accorded under the GSP with respect to any article; and (3) otherwise modify GSP coverage. Petitioners seeking to add products to eligibility for GSP benefits should note

that, as provided in section 503(b) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2463(b)), certain articles may not be designated as eligible articles under GSP.

As specified in 15 CFR part 2007.1, all product petitions must include, *inter alia*, a detailed description of the product and the eight-digit subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under which the product is classified.

Country Practices Review Petitions

Any interested party may submit a petition to review the GSP eligibility of any beneficiary developing country with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)).

Competitive Need Limitations

Any interested party may submit a petition seeking a waiver of the 2015 CNL for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles (these limits do not apply to least-developed beneficiary developing countries or AGOA beneficiary countries). Before submitting petitions for CNL waivers, prospective petitioners may wish to review the 2015 year-to-date import trade data for products of interest. This data is available via the U.S.

International Trade Commission's "Dataweb" database at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov/>. For more information on CNLs and how they apply to the GSP program, please visit the GSP page of the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp>.

II. Requirements for Submissions

All submissions for the GSP Annual Review must conform to the GSP regulations set forth at 15 CFR part 2007, except as modified below. These regulations are available on the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp/gsp-program-inf>.

All submissions in response to this notice must be in English and must be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using docket number USTR-2015-0013. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. Submissions that do not provide the information required by sections 2007.0 and 2007.1 of the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review, except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required.