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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0022]

#### Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is being convened to examine the full spectrum of fruit and vegetable industry issues and to provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can tailor programs and services to better meet the needs of the U.S. produce industry. The meeting is open to the public. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, and Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee meeting will be held in the Fairfax/Prince William Conference Room at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel @ Ronald Reagan National Airport, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pamela Stanziani, Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Specialty Crops Program; Telephone: (202) 720-3334; Email: [pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov](mailto:pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) established the Committee in 2001, to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide

suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2015, for a two-year period.

AMS Deputy Administrator for the Specialty Crops Program, Charles Parrott, serves as the Committee's Manager. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry are periodically called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their views. The meeting is open to the public.

**Public Comments:** All written public comments must be submitted electronically by March 21, 2016, for the Committee's consideration to Pamela Stanziani at [pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov](mailto:pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov) or to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or mailed to: 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2077-South, STOP 0235, Washington, DC 20250-0235. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions, administrative matters, progress reports from committee working group chairs and/or vice chairs, potential working group recommendation discussion and proposal, and presentations by subject matter experts as requested by the Committee.

**Meeting Accommodations:** The Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel @ Ronald Reagan National Airport is ADA compliant and provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public meeting, please notify Pamela Stanziani at [pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov](mailto:pamela.stanziani@ams.usda.gov) or (202) 720-3334, by March 21, 2016. Determinations for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: March 10, 2016.

**Elanor Starmer,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-039]

#### Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* March 15, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yasmin Bordas at (202) 482-3813, John Corrigan at (202) 482-7438, or Emily Maloof at (202) 482-5649, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 16, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a countervailing duty investigation on certain amorphous silica fabric from the People's Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than April 21, 2016.

##### Postponement of the Preliminary Determinations

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension in accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act allows the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation.

On March 8, 2016, Petitioner<sup>2</sup> submitted a timely request pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) to postpone the

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 81 FR 8909 (February 23, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Auburn Manufacturing, Inc.

preliminary determination.<sup>3</sup> In its request, Petitioner states: “Due to the number and nature of subsidy programs under investigation, and due to the fact that the Department has sent quantity and value questionnaires to select mandatory respondents, Petitioner believes that the normal 65-day deadline for a preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation would not provide sufficient time for the Department to examine adequately the amount of subsidies that producers and exporters of subject merchandise in China receive.”<sup>4</sup>

For the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the day on which the investigation was initiated. As a result, the Department will issue its preliminary determination no later than June 27, 2016.<sup>5</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act, the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: March 9, 2016.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Petitioner, “Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People’s Republic of China: Petitioner’s Request to Extend the Deadline for the Preliminary Determination,” dated March 8, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, at 1.

<sup>5</sup> The deadline based on a 65-day extension would be June 25, 2016, which is a Saturday. Department practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed topics of discussion for public meetings of the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (Committee).

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on April 20, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and April 21, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings on April 20 and 21 will be held at the Port of Houston Authority, Executive Office Building, Boardroom, 111 East Loop North, Houston, Texas 77029.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Boll, Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, International Trade Administration. (Phone: (202) 482-1135 or Email: [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov))

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Committee was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). It provides advice to the Secretary of Commerce on the necessary elements of a comprehensive policy approach to supply chain competitiveness designed to support U.S. export growth and national economic competitiveness, encourage innovation, facilitate the movement of goods, and improve the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains for goods and services in the domestic and global economy; and provides advice to the Secretary on regulatory policies and programs and investment priorities that affect the competitiveness of U.S. supply chains. For more information about the Committee visit: <http://trade.gov/td/services/oscpb/supplychain/acsccl/>.

*Matters to Be Considered:* Committee members are expected to continue to discuss the major competitiveness-related topics raised at the previous Committee meetings, including trade and competitiveness; freight movement and policy; information technology and data requirements; regulatory issues; finance and infrastructure; and workforce development. The Committee’s subcommittees will report on the status of their work regarding these topics. The agendas may change to accommodate Committee business. The Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services will post the final detailed agendas on its Web site, <http://trade.gov/td/services/oscpb/supplychain/acsccl/>, at least one week prior to the meeting. The meetings will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. The public meetings are

physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Richard Boll, at (202) 482-1135 or [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov) five (5) business days before the meeting.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before and after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of this meeting must send them to the Office of Supply Chain, Professional & Business Services, 1401 Constitution Ave NW., Room 11014, Washington, DC 20230, or email to [richard.boll@trade.gov](mailto:richard.boll@trade.gov).

For consideration during the meetings, and to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meetings, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on April 8, 2016. Comments received after April 8, 2016, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be considered at the meetings. The minutes of the meetings will be posted on the Committee Web site within 60 days of the meeting.

Dated: March 8, 2016.

**Bruce Harsh,**

*Acting Director, Office of Supply Chain and Professional & Business Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery Actions in Relation to the Southeastern United States Shrimp Fishery and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and conduct public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** We (NMFS) intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and to conduct public scoping meetings to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by assessing potential impacts resulting from the proposed implementation of new sea turtle regulatory requirements in the shrimp fishery of the southeastern