China. The complainant requests that the Commission issue a general exclusion order, a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

Proposed respondents, other interested parties, and members of the public are invited to file comments, not to exceed five (5) pages in length, inclusive of attachments, on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or § 210.8(b) filing. Comments should address whether issuance of the relief specifically requested by the complainant in this investigation would affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) Explain how the articles potentially subject to the requested remedial orders are used in the United States;

(ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the requested remedial orders;

(iii) identify like or directly competitive articles that complainant, its licensees, or third parties make in the United States which could replace the subject articles if they were to be excluded;

(iv) indicate whether complainant, complainant’s licensees, or third party suppliers have the capacity to replace the volume of articles potentially subject to the requested exclusion order and/or a cease and desist order within a commercially reasonable time; and

(v) explain how the requested remedial orders would impact United States consumers.

Written submissions must be filed no later than by close of business, eight calendar days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. There will be further opportunities for comment on the public interest after the issuance of any final initial determination in this investigation.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above and submit 8 true paper copies to the Office of the Secretary by noon the next day pursuant to § 210.4(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.4(f)). Submissions should refer to the docket number (“Docket No. 3178”) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, Electronic Filing Procedures). 1 Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any person desiring to submit a document to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is properly sought will be treated accordingly. All information, including confidential business information and documents for which confidential treatment is properly sought, submitted to the Commission for purposes of this Investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, 2 solely for cybersecurity purposes. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS.3

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and of §§ 201.10 and 210.8(c) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.10, 210.8(c)).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: October 7, 2016.

Lisa R. Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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2 All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.


INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Requests for Petitions for Duty Suspensions and Reductions


ACTION: Notice requesting members of the public to submit petitions for duty suspensions and reductions and Commission disclosure forms.

SUMMARY: As required by section 3(b)(1) of the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016, the Commission is publishing notice requesting members of the public who can demonstrate that they are likely beneficiaries of duty suspensions or reductions to submit petitions for duty suspensions and reductions. Consistent with the statute, the Commission will accept petitions submitted during the 60-day period beginning on October 14, 2016, and ending at 5:15 p.m. EST December 12, 2016. All petitions must be submitted via the Commission’s designated secure web portal. At a later date the Commission will publish notice of the opportunity for the public to submit comments on the petitions filed.

DATES: October 14, 2016: Opening date for filing petitions for duty suspensions and reductions. December 12, 2016, 5:15 p.m., EST: Closing date and time for filing petitions for duty suspensions and reductions.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. The public file for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission’s MTB Petition System (MTBPS) at https://www.usitc.gov/mtbps.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries, contact Jennifer Rohrbach at mtbinfo@usitc.gov. For filing inquiries, contact the Office of Secretary, Docket Services division, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–3238. The media should contact Peg O’Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202–205–1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). General information concerning the Commission may be obtained by accessing its internet server (https://www.usitc.gov).

Background: The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 (the Act) establishes a new process for the submission and consideration of requests for temporary duty suspensions and reductions. The Act requires the Commission to initiate the process by publishing a notice requesting members of the public who can demonstrate that
they are likely beneficiaries of duty suspensions or reductions to submit petitions and Commission disclosure forms to the Commission. The Act establishes the information to be contained in a petition and sets out the review process the Commission is to follow. The Act, (Pub. L. 114–159, May 20, 2016), 19 U.S.C. 1332 note, requires the Commission to publish its notice requesting petitions no later than October 15, 2016, and to allow the public to file petitions during the 60-day period following publication of the notice. After the period for filing petitions closes, the Commission is required to publish the petitions on its Web site and provide notice to the public of the opportunity to submit comments on the petitions published.

The Act requires the Commission to submit preliminary and final reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (Committees) on the petitions received. The reports are to include the Commission’s analysis and recommendations regarding the petitions, including whether there is domestic production of the article, whether the estimated loss in revenues due to the duty suspension or reduction does not exceed $500,000, and whether the duty suspension or reduction will be available to any person importing the article. The Commission is required to classify the petitions into categories based on whether (1) the petition meets the requirements for inclusion in a miscellaneous tariff bill; (2) the Commission recommends inclusion in such a bill with specified technical changes, changes in product scope, or adjustment in the amount of duty reduction; (3) the Commission recommends against inclusion in a bill because the petition does not meet the petitioning requirements or the petitioner is not a likely beneficiary; (4) the Commission otherwise recommends not including the petition. The Committees and the Congress will make the final decision regarding the imported articles to be included in a bill.

The Act also requires the U.S. Department of Commerce, with input from U.S. Customs and Border Protection and other Federal agencies, to submit a report to the Commission and to the Committees. This report is to include information related to domestic production and technical changes that are necessary for purposes of administration when articles are presented for importation.

Procedures for Filing a Petition: The Commission has promulgated rules of practice and procedure regarding the process for filing petitions and has also made available a handbook and other materials to assist members of the public in filing petitions. The rules, in the form of an interim rule, are published at 19 CFR part 220 (81 FR 67144, Sept. 30, 2016). The rules, handbook, and other materials are also posted on the Commission’s Web site at https://www.usitc.gov/mtbps. Highlights of the filing procedures are presented below only as an overview: persons who are considering filing a petition should consult the Commission’s rules, handbook, and other materials.

Who may file. As provided for in the statute, the rules, and other Commission materials, petitions for duty suspensions or reductions may be filed only by members of the public who can demonstrate that they are a likely beneficiary of the duty suspension or reduction. The statute defines “likely beneficiary” to mean “an individual or entity likely to utilize, or benefit directly from the utilization of, an article that is the subject of a petition for a duty suspension or reduction.”

Method for filing. Petitions for duty suspensions and reductions may be filed only electronically via the Commission’s designated secure web portal and in the format designated by the Commission in that portal. The portal contains a series of prompts and links that will assist persons in providing the required information (this information concerns both the petitions and related disclosure forms, so there will be only one submission). The Commission will not accept petitions submitted in paper or in any other form or format. Petitions, including any attachments thereto, must otherwise comply with the Commission’s rules and Handbook on MTB Filing Procedures. Persons seeking duty suspensions or reductions on more than one imported product must submit separate petitions for each product.

Persons filing petitions should be aware that they must be prepared to complete their entire petition when they enter the portal and that the portal will not allow them to edit, amend, or complete the petition at a later time. Accordingly, they should have all required information in hand when they enter the portal to begin the formal filing process. A list of all the information required to complete a petition may be found in the Commission’s Before You File guide.

Time for filing. To be considered, petitions must be filed between October 14, 2016, and the close of business (5:15 p.m. EST) on December 12, 2016. The Commission will not accept petitions filed after that time and date.

Amendment and withdrawal of petitions. The Commission’s secure web portal will not allow a person who has formally submitted a petition to amend the petition. Instead, that person must withdraw the original petition and file a new petition that incorporates the changes. The new petition must be filed within the 60-day period designated for filing petitions. Petitions may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time the Commission transmits its final report to the Committees.

Confidential business information. The portal will permit persons submitting petitions to claim that certain information should be treated either as confidential business information or as information protected from disclosure under the Privacy Act (e.g., a home address). However, because of the portal’s design, the portal instructs that such information not be included in attachments to petitions. Persons who include confidential business information and information protected under the Privacy Act in attachments to their petitions will be presumed to have waived any privilege and the information will be disclosed to the public when the petitions and attachments are posted on the Commission’s Web site. See further information below on possible disclosure of confidential business information.

Confidential Business Information. The Commission will not release information which the Commission considers to be confidential business information within the meaning of § 201.6(a) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6) unless the party submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that such information would be released by the Commission, or such party subsequently consents to the release of the information.

Confidential business information submitted to the Commission in petitions and comments may be disclosed to and/or used by (1) the Commission in calculating the estimated revenue loss required under the Act, which may be based in whole or in part on the estimated values of imports submitted by petitioners in their petitions; or (2) the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel (a) in processing petitions and comments and preparing reports under the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5
Purpose of Meeting:

Contact Person:

Place:

Date and Time:

Meeting:

The National Science Foundation announces the following:

Advisory Committee for International Programs and Activities:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; November 28, 2016; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lisa R. Barton,
Secretary of the Commission.

Claire Hemingway,
Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels; Cancellation of the October 21, 2016, ACRS Subcommittee Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

• Analysis of the overseas offices
  (Closed Session)

• Discussion of mission/evision of
  Countries and Regions Cluster

• Presentation on status of OISE data
  analytics

• Meet with NSF leadership


Dated: October 7, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,
Committee Management Officer.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:


DATE AND TIME: November 28, 2016; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; November 29, 2016; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II, Suite 1155.01, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Part-Open.


PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to international programs and activities.

Agenda

Monday, November 28, 2016 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

• Status of OISE program realignment

• Continuation of International Strategy for the NSF Big Ideas, including report out by OISE staff on Big Ideas working groups

• Follow up on Engagement with Africa session, reviewing list to be provided by Dr. Nkem Khumbah

• Engagement with China session, including discussion with Nancy Sung who will be present

• Analysis of the overseas offices
  (Closed Session)

• Discussion of mission/evision of
  Countries and Regions Cluster

• Presentation on status of OISE data
  analytics

• Meet with NSF leadership


Dated: October 7, 2016.

Crystal Robinson,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels; Cancellation of the October 21, 2016, ACRS Subcommittee Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee meeting on Metallurgy & Reactor Fuels scheduled for October 21, 2016 (new date), 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., has been cancelled.

The notice of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, (81 FR 68461).

Information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting Christopher Brown, Designated Federal Official (DFO) (Telephone 301–415–7111 or Email: Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov) between 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (EST)).

Dated: October 5, 2016.

Mark L. Banks,
Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: