

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11029]

Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “El Greco: Ambition and Defiance” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that certain objects to be included in the exhibition “El Greco: Ambition and Defiance,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, from on or about March 7, 2020, until on or about June 21, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chi D. Tran, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The foregoing determinations were made pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000.

Matthew R. Lussenhop,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4)]

Railroad Cost Recovery Procedures—Productivity Adjustment

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Presentation of the Board’s calculation for the change in railroad productivity for the 2014–2018 averaging period.

SUMMARY: In a decision served on February 6, 2020, the Board proposed to adopt 1.010 (1.0% per year) as the measure of average (geometric mean) change in railroad productivity for the 2014–2018 (five-year) period. This represents an increase of 0.5% from the average for the 2013–2017 period. The Board’s February 6, 2020 decision in this proceeding stated that comments may be filed addressing any perceived data and computational errors in the Board’s calculation. The decision also stated that, unless a further order is issued postponing the effective date, this decision will take effect on March 1, 2020.

DATES: Comments are due by February 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed with the Board either via e-filing or in writing addressed to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 4), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001. Comments must be served on all parties appearing on the service list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board’s decision is posted at <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245–0238.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 10708.

Decided: February 4, 2020.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

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Clearance Clerk.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Designations of Developing and Least-Developed Countries Under the Countervailing Duty Law**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Trade Representative is designating World Trade Organization (WTO) Members that are eligible for special *de minimis* countervailable subsidy and negligible import volume standards under the countervailing duty (CVD) law.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the U.S. Trade Representative is removing the Office of the United States Trade Representative’s rule that contain the designations superseded by this notice.

DATES: The designations are applicable as of February 10, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David P. Lyons, Assistant General Counsel, at 202–395–9446, or Roy Malmrose, Director for Industrial Subsidies, at 202–395–9542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. General Background**

In the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA), Public Law 103–465, Congress amended the CVD law to conform to U.S. obligations under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (SCM Agreement). Under the SCM Agreement, WTO Members that have not yet reached the status of a developed country are entitled to special treatment for purposes of countervailing measures. Specifically, imports from such Members are subject to different thresholds for purposes of determining whether countervailable subsidies are *de minimis* and whether import volumes are negligible.

Under section 771(36) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), 19 U.S.C. 1677(36), Congress delegated to the U.S. Trade Representative the responsibility for designating those WTO Members whose imports are subject to these special thresholds. In addition, section 771(36)(D) requires the U.S. Trade Representative to publish a list of designations, updated as necessary, in the **Federal Register**. This notice implements the requirements of section 771(36)(D).

On June 2, 1998, the U.S. Trade Representative published an interim final rule (1998 rule) designating Subsidy Agreement countries eligible for special *de minimis* countervailable subsidy and negligible import volume standards under the CVD law. *See* 63 FR 29945. “Subsidies Agreement country” is defined in section 701(b) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 1671(b), and includes countries that are WTO Members. The U.S. Trade Representative is revising the lists in the 1998 rule, as described below, and removing the 1998 rule because it now is obsolete.

B. Explanation of the List**1. Introduction**

For purposes of countervailing measures, the SCM Agreement extends special and differential treatment to