DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11425]

Determination Under Subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, As Amended—Continuation of Waiver Authority

Pursuant to the authority vested in the President under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93–618, 88 Stat. 1978 (hereinafter “the Act”), and assigned to the Secretary of State by virtue of Section 1(a) of Executive Order 13346 of July 8, 2004, and delegated by Department of State Delegation of Authority 245–2, of July 31, 2017, I determine, pursuant to Section 402(d)(1) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1), that the further extension of the waiver authority granted by Section 402 of the Act will substantially promote the objectives of Section 402 of the Act. I further determine that continuation of the waiver applicable to Turkmenistan will substantially promote the objectives of Section 402 of the Act.

This Determination shall be published in the Federal Register.


Daniel Smith,
Acting Deputy Secretary of State.

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Parties to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) intend to hold the first meeting of the Environment Committee (Committee) virtually, on June 17, 2021. Following the government-to-government meeting, the Committee will hold a virtual public session. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) will accept comments on suggestions for topics to be discussed during the Committee meeting, and questions for the public session.

DATES: June 17, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST; The Parties’ will host a virtual public session of the Committee on June 4, 2021, at 11:30 p.m. EST; Deadline for submission of written comments on suggestions for meeting topics and questions for the public session.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comment to Sarah Lopp, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, by email at sarah.b.lopp@ustr.eop.gov with the subject line “USMCA Environment Committee Meeting”.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Lopp, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, at sarah.b.lopp@ustr.eop.gov, or 202–881–9034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

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IV. Comments

USTR invites all interested persons to submit specific questions and comments on topics and issues for the U.S. government to consider as it prepares for the Committee meeting. As noted, during the public session the public will be able to ask questions through a chat function overseen by a moderator. The Committee will address both questions raised in written comments in advance and through the live chat. When preparing comments, we encourage submitters to refer to Chapter 24 of the USMCA, which you can access at: https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/agreements/usmca/24Environment.pdf.

Kelly Milton,
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2021–0055 (Notice No. 2021–04)]

Hazardous Materials: Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PHMSA invites comments on four information collections pertaining to hazardous materials transportation for which PHMSA intends to request renewal from the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Docket Number PHMSA–2021–0055 (Notice No. 2021–04) by any of the following methods:

• Fax: 1–202–493–2251.
• Mail: Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Routing Symbol M–30, 1200

Washington, DC 20590–0001.

For questions on submission, phone Sarah Sheehan, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, at 202–366–9826.