

members of the public by mail upon request.

DATES: Comments on the draft environmental review are requested no later than April 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review, or requests for copies, should be addressed to Jennifer Prescott or David Brooks, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, USTR, telephone 202-395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Trade Act of 2002 provides that the President shall conduct environmental reviews of [certain] trade agreements consistent with Executive Order 13141—Environmental Review of Trade Agreements (64 FR 63,169, Nov. 18, 1999) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79,442, Dec. 19, 2000) and report on such reviews to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate. The Order and guidelines are available at <http://www.ustr.gov/environment/environmental.shtml>. USTR, through the TPSC, will perform an environmental review of the agreement pursuant to the authority delegated by the President in Executive Order 13277 (67 FR 70305).

The purpose of environmental reviews is to ensure that policymakers and the public are informed about reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts of trade agreements (both positive and negative), to identify complementarities between trade and environmental objectives, and to help shape appropriate responses if environmental impacts are identified. Reviews are intended to be one tool, among others, for integrating environmental information and analysis into the fluid, dynamic process of trade negotiations. USTR and the Council on Environmental Quality jointly oversee implementation of the Order and Guidelines. USTR, through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is responsible for conducting the individual reviews.

Written Comments

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions of comments, the Office of the United States Trade Representative strongly urges and prefers e-mail submissions in response to this notice. Persons submitting comments by e-mail should use the

following e-mail address: FR0099@ustr.gov with the subject line: "Bahrain Interim Environmental Review." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files. If submission by e-mail is impossible, comments should be made by facsimile to (202) 395-6143, attention: Gloria Blue.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection in the USTR Reading Room at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10-12 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Advance Notice of Potential Expansion of Coverage of WTO Government Procurement Agreement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Potential Expansion of Coverage of WTO Government Procurement Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476.

Background

Currently, there are 28 Parties to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). They are: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Communities, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Netherlands with respect to Aruba, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. Suppliers from each of those countries are able to participate, on a reciprocal basis, in the government procurement of the other countries, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the GPA. The

terms include a list of the entities from each country that are subject to GPA rules.

On May 1, 2004, 10 countries will join the European Communities (EC). They are: the Czech Republic, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Cyprus, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Lithuania, Republic of Hungary, Republic of Malta, Republic of Poland, Republic of Slovenia and Slovak Republic ("new EC Member States"). The EC has notified the other GPA Parties of its intention that the GPA will be binding on the new EC Member States as of May 1, 2004. The EC is consulting with the other GPA Parties with regard to the lists of the entities of the new EC Member States that would be subject to the GPA rules.

Future Action

When the WTO Committee approves the application of the GPA to the 10 new EC Member States, U.S. suppliers will be able to participate in the government procurement of those countries. Similarly, based upon a determination that the U.S. Trade Representative will make under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, suppliers from the new EC Member States will be eligible to participate in U.S. government procurement under the same terms and conditions as suppliers from the countries that are currently covered by the GPA. That determination will be published in the **Federal Register** prior to May 1, 2004.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice To Intend To Rule on Application 04-02-C-00-ACY To Impose and Use a Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Correction

Correction: This is to advise that the number for our Notice to Intend to Rule on Application 04-02-C-00-ACY to Impose and Use a revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2004, should read 04-03-C-00-ACY.

All the other associated information published on that day remains unchanged, including the date for