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Michael L. Barrera,
National Ombudsman.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

SES Performance Review Board

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Special Counsel

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of a member of the OSC Performance Review Board. The following person has been appointed to the SES Performance Review Board in the U.S. Office of Special Counsel: Bernestine Allen, Director, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Department of Transportation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Marie Glover, Director of Human Resources, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, D.C. 20036-4505, (202) 653-9485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, and considers recommendations to the appointing authority regarding the performance of the senior executive.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Elaine D. Kaplan,
Special Counsel.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 2002 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review and Status of 2001 Annual GSP Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initiation of the 2002 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review and sets the deadline for the submission of petitions on December 2, 2002. The notification of which petitions have been accepted for the 2002 and 2001 Annual GSP Reviews and other relevant dates will be issued in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971 and the facsimile number is (202) 395-9481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

2002 Annual GSP Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified by a **Federal Register** notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2002 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review, all petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m., December 2, 2002. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review.

Interested parties or foreign governments may submit petitions to: (1) Designate additional articles as eligible for GSP; (2) withdraw, suspend or limit GSP duty-free treatment accorded either to eligible articles under

the GSP or to individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP eligible articles; (3) waive the "competitive need limits" for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP eligible articles; and (4) otherwise modify GSP coverage. As specified in 15 CFR 2007.1, all product petitions must include a detailed description of the product and the subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States under which the product is classified.

Interested parties may also submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country reviewed with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Such petitions must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 2007.0(b).

Requirements for Submissions

All such submissions must conform to the GSP regulations set forth at 15 CFR part 2007, except as modified below. These regulations are also included in "A Guide to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)" (August 1991) ("GSP Guidebook"), available at www.ustr.gov. Petitioners are strongly advised to review the GSP regulations. Submissions that do not provide all information required by sections 2007.0 and 2007.1 of the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review, except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required. Petitions with respect to waivers of the "competitive need limitations" must meet the information requirements for product addition requests in section 2007.1(c) of the GSP regulations. A model petition format is available from the GSP Subcommittee and is included in the GSP Guide. Petitioners are requested to use this model petition format so as to ensure that all information requirements are met. Furthermore, interested parties submitting petitions that request action with respect to specific products should list on the first page of the petition the following information: (1) The requested action; (2) the United States HTS subheading in which the product is classified; and (3) if applicable, the beneficiary country.

Petitions and requests must be submitted, in English, to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee, Trade Policy Staff Committee and must be received no later than December 2, 2002. Submissions in response to this notice will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR