

8. Cost-effectiveness and cost sharing: The applicant should demonstrate efficient use of Bureau funds. The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. The proposal should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions, which demonstrates institutional and community commitment.

VI. Award Administration Information

VI.1a. Award Notices

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures. Successful applicants will receive an Assistance Award Document (AAD) from the Bureau's Grants Office. The AAD and the original grant proposal with subsequent modifications (if applicable) shall be the only binding authorizing document between the recipient and the U.S. Government. The AAD will be signed by an authorized Grants Officer, and mailed to the recipient's responsible officer identified in the application.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive notification of the results of the application review from the ECA program office coordinating this competition.

VI.2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Terms and Conditions for the Administration of ECA agreements include the following:

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations."

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, "Cost Principles for Educational Institutions."

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Governments."

OMB Circular No. A-110 (Revised), Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

OMB Circular No. A-102, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants-in-Aid to State and Local Governments.

OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Government, and Non-profit Organizations.

Please reference the following Web sites for additional information: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants;http://exchanges.state.gov/education/grantsdiv/terms.htm#articleI>.

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VI.3. Reporting Requirements

Grantee organizations must provide ECA with a hard copy original plus one copy of the following reports:

(1) A final program and financial report no more than 90 days after the expiration of the award; and

(2) Quarterly program and financial reports that should include how you are meeting the goals and objectives of the program and plans for next steps.

Grantees will be required to provide reports analyzing their evaluation findings to the Bureau in their regular program reports. (Please refer to IV. Application and Submission Instructions (IV.3.d.3) above for Program Monitoring and Evaluation information.)

All data collected, including survey responses and contact information, must be maintained for a minimum of three years and provided to the Bureau upon request.

All reports must be sent to the ECA Grants Officer and ECA Program Officer listed in the final assistance award document.

VI.4. Program Data Requirements

Organizations awarded grants will be required to maintain specific data on program participants and activities in an electronically accessible database format that can be shared with the Bureau as required. As a minimum, the data must include the following:

(1) Name, address, contact information and biographic sketch of all persons who travel internationally on funds provided by the grant or who benefit from the grant funding but do not travel.

(2) Itineraries of international and domestic travel, providing dates of travel and cities in which any exchange experiences take place. Final schedules for in-country and U.S. activities must be received by the ECA Program Officer at least three work days prior to the official opening of the activity.

VII. Agency Contacts

For questions about this announcement, contact: Michele Peters, Program Officer, Office of Citizen Exchanges, ECA/PE/C/PY, Room 568, Reference Number: ECA/PE/C/PY-06-22, U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, phone: (202) 203-7517 and fax: (202) 203-7527, e-mail: PetersML@state.gov.

All correspondence with the Bureau concerning this RFGP should reference

the above title and number ECA/PE/C/PY-06-22.

Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFGP deadline has passed, Bureau staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

VIII. Other Information

Notice: The terms and conditions published in this RFGP are binding and may not be modified by any Bureau representative. Explanatory information provided by the Bureau that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFGP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Bureau reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements per section VI.3 above.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

C. Miller Crouch,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority 290]

Delegation by the Secretary of State to Carol Rodley of Authorities Normally Vested in the Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a) and Executive Order 12333 of December 4, 1981, I hereby delegate to Carol Rodley, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in the Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research, including all authorities that have been or may be delegated or re-delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research.

Any act, executive order, regulation, or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary of State or Deputy Secretary of State may exercise any function delegated hereby.

This delegation shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a

new Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 9, 2006.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-334]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding Turkey—Measures Affecting the Importation of Rice

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that, in accordance with the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (“WTO Agreement”), the United States has requested the establishment of a panel regarding Turkey’s import restrictions on rice from the United States. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS334/4. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute, comments should be submitted on or before May 17, 2006 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0604@ustr.gov, with “Turkey Rice (DS334)” in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above, in accordance with the requirements for submission set out below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Weiss, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-4498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), USTR is providing notice that the United States has requested the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel pursuant to the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures

Governing the Settlement of Disputes (“DSU”). Such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

Under its import regime for rice, Turkey requires an import license to import rice. Turkey operates tariff-rate quotas for rice imports requiring that, in order to import specified quantities of rice at reduced tariff levels, importers must purchase specified quantities of domestic rice, including from the Turkish Grain Board, Turkish producers, or producer associations. In addition, Turkey denies or fails to grant licenses to import rice at or below the bound rate of duty without domestic purchase, including at the over-quota rate of duty.

USTR believes these measures are inconsistent with Turkey’s obligations under:

1. Article 2.1 and paragraph 1(a) of Annex 1 of the TRIMs Agreement because Turkey imposes domestic purchase requirements;
2. Article III:4 of the GATT 1994 because Turkey accords imported rice less favorable treatment than domestic rice through the imposition of domestic purchase requirements “affecting [its] internal sale, offering for sale, purchase, transportation, distribution, or use”;
3. Article XI:1 of the GATT 1994 because Turkey’s (1) denial of, or failure to grant, import licenses for rice at or below the bound rate of duty, and (2) the domestic purchase requirements, both on their own and in conjunction, constitute a prohibition or restriction on imports other than in the form of duties, taxes, or other charges; and
4. Article 4.2 of the Agriculture Agreement because Turkey’s (1) denial of, or failure to grant, import licenses for rice at or below the bound rate of duty, and (2) the domestic purchase requirements, both on their own and in conjunction, are “measures of the kind which have been required to be converted into ordinary customs duties,” such as quantitative import restrictions, discretionary import licensing, and non-tariff measures maintained through a state-trading enterprise, which Members may not resort to or maintain under that Agreement.

USTR also considers that these measures are inconsistent with Turkey’s obligations under: Articles X:1, X:2, and X:3 of the GATT 1994 and Articles 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5(a), 3.5(b),

3.5(d), 3.5(e), 3.5(f), 3.5(g), 3.5(h), 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4 of the Import Licensing Agreement.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0604@ustr.gov, with “Turkey Rice (DS334)” in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above.

USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format as attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, 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.

Comments must be in English. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” must be marked at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

- (1) Must clearly so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as “SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page; and
- (3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments