

can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit, following the above "Requirements for Submissions", the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile number and e-mail address, if available, of the witness(es) representing their organization to Marideth Sandler, Executive Director of the GSP Program by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in English, and also must be received by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing briefs or statements will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted, in English, by 5 p.m., March 9, 2007. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit pre-hearing briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., February 2, 2007, and post-hearing written briefs or statements, in English, by 5 p.m., March 9, 2007.

In accordance with sections 503(d)(1)(A) of the 1974 Act and the authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested that the USITC provide its advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(d)(1) of the 1974 Act with respect to the articles of GSP beneficiary countries that are specified in the "List of Petitions Accepted in the 2006 GSP Annual Review." Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review should be submitted by 5 p.m., 10 days after the date of USITC publication of its report.

Marideth Sandler,

Executive Director, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange

Commission, Office of Filings and Information, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 17Ad-16, SEC File No. 270-363, OMB Control No. 3235-0413.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Rule 17Ad-16: Notice of Assumption or Termination of Transfer Agent Services

Rule 17Ad-16, (17 CFR 240.17Ad-16), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*), requires a registered transfer agent to provide written notice to the appropriate qualified registered securities depository when assuming or terminating transfer agent services on behalf of an issuer or when changing its name or address. In addition, transfer agents that provide such notice shall maintain such notice for a period of at least two years in an easily accessible place. This rule addresses the problem of certificate transfer delays caused by transfer requests that are directed to the wrong transfer agent or the wrong address.

We estimate that the transfer agent industry submits 600 Rule 17Ad-16 notices to appropriate qualified registered securities depositories. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to create and submit each notice is approximately 15 minutes per notice. Accordingly, the estimated total industry burden is 150 hours per year (15 minutes multiplied by 600 notices filed annually).

Because the information needed by transfer agents to properly notify the appropriate registered securities depository is readily available to them and the report is simple and straightforward, the cost is minimal. The average cost to prepare and send a notice is approximately \$7.50 (15 minutes at \$30 per hour). This yields an industry-wide cost estimate of \$4,500 (600 notices multiplied by \$7.50 per notice).

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirements under Rule 17Ad-16 is two years for both the clearing agencies and transfer agents. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-16 is mandatory to ensure accurate securityholder records, prompt and efficient clearance and settlement of securities transactions, and to assist the

Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Comments should be directed to: R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted within 60 days of this notice.

January 8, 2007.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Form 18-K, OMB Control No. 3235-0120, SEC File No. 270-108.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form 18-K (17 CFR 249.318) is an annual report form used by foreign governments and political subdivisions with securities listed on a United States exchange. The information to be collected is intended to ensure the adequacy of information available to investors in the registration of securities and assures public availability. The information provided is mandatory. Form 18-K is a public document. Form 18-K takes approximately 8 hours to prepare and is filed by approximately 40 respondents for a total annual reporting burden of 320 hours.

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