

Women's Business Council (NWBC) announces its first public meeting of Fiscal Year 2025. The 1988 Women's Business Ownership Act established NWBC to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the President, Congress, and the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on issues of importance to women entrepreneurs.

During this meeting the Council will present its 2024 policy recommendations and gather information to inform its exploration of topics to advance women's business ownership in 2025. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments following the presentations. Accommodation for ASL will be provided. Please request translation services and other accommodations during registration.

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Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12607]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Affidavit of Relationship (AOR)

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to January 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection

listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Daniel Carson—2025 E Street, NW Washington DC, 20520 who may be reached on (202) 227-6016 or at carsondp@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Relationship (AOR).
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0206.
- *Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* PRM/A.
- *Form Number:* DS-7656.
- *Respondents:* A respondent in the United States completes the AOR to: (a) establish that he or she was admitted to the United States as a refugee or granted asylum; (b) provide a list of qualifying family members (spouse, unmarried children under 21, and parents) who may wish to apply for refugee resettlement to the United States; and (c) establish that the family members are nationals of qualifying countries under the P-3 program.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 300.
- *Average Time per Response:* Ninety Minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 450 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our time and cost burden estimate for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) is required by the Department of State to establish qualification for access to the Priority-3 (P-3) Family Reunification

category of the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). The P-3 category, along with the other categories of cases that have access to USRAP, is outlined in the annual Report to Congress on Proposed Refugee Admissions, which is submitted on behalf of the President in fulfillment of the requirements of section 207(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) and authorized by the annual Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions. The P-3 category is available to qualifying family members of U.S.-based residents (persons already admitted to the U.S. as refugees or who were granted asylum in the United States, including persons who may now be lawful permanent residents or U.S. citizens). Qualifying family members of U.S.-based residents include spouses, unmarried children under age 21, and parents. Eligible P-3 nationalities are determined on an annual basis by the President.

In order to access the USRAP through P-3, an applicant must have an Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) filed on his or her behalf by a U.S.-based family member. The AOR also informs the U.S.-based family member that DNA evidence of all claimed parent-child relationships between the U.S.-based family member and parents and/or unmarried children under 21 is required as a condition of access to P-3 processing; it further informs the U.S.-based family member that the costs of DNA testing will be borne by the U.S. government. DNA testing between the QFM and any derivative applicant(s) (unmarried child under the age of 21), to prove the existence of their claimed family relationship, will be at no expense to the U.S. government.

Methodology

This information collection currently involves the limited use of electronic techniques. An anchor may complete an AOR at any local office of a Resettlement Agency (RA) that has a cooperative agreement with the Department of State to assist refugees who have been resettled in the United States. In order to file an AOR, a U.S.-based family member must be at least 18 years of age and have been admitted to the United States as a refugee or granted asylum in the United States no more than five years prior to the filing of the AOR. The AOR is available electronically, is completed electronically with the assistance of RA staff, and is submitted electronically by RA staff to a Department of State-contracted facility, where it is manually uploaded into the USRAP case management system. In addition, the RA

local office prints a copy for the respondent's ink signature, then submits the signed form to the RA headquarters.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Modification: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice of modification of actions.

SUMMARY: In a notice published on September 18, 2024, the U.S. Trade Representative proposed additional modifications to the actions taken in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. Specifically, the U.S. Trade Representative proposed increasing Section 301 tariff rates on five subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) covering certain tungsten products, wafers, and polysilicon. In a notice published on September 24, 2024, USTR announced the opening of an electronic portal for interested parties to submit comments on the proposed tariff increases. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to modify the actions being taken in this investigation by increasing tariff rates on the five subheadings.

DATES: January 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. EST: Tariff increases on the tariff subheadings set out in the Annex to this notice are applicable with respect to products that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Philip Butler and Megan Grimball, Chairs of the Section 301 Committee at 202.395.5725. For specific questions on customs classification, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see the prior notices including 82 FR 40213 (August 24, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018),

83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), and 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018).

On September 8, 2022, USTR announced that in accordance with Section 307(c)(3) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2417(c)(3)), the U.S. Trade Representative would conduct a review of the two actions taken, as modified, in this investigation. *See* 87 FR 55073. Based on information obtained during the review, USTR, in consultation with the Section 301 Committee, prepared a comprehensive report that included findings on the effectiveness of the actions taken in this investigation in achieving the objectives of the investigation, other actions that could be taken, and the effects of such actions on the United States economy, including consumers. The report, *Four-Year Review of Actions Taken in the Section 301 Investigation: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation* (Report), was published on May 14, 2024, and is available on the USTR website.

On May 14, 2024, taking into consideration the U.S. Trade Representative's findings in the Report and recommendations, the President issued a Memorandum (President's Memorandum) that directed the U.S. Trade Representative to: "maintain, as appropriate and consistent with this memorandum, the *ad valorem* rates of duty and lists of products subject to the [actions] taken under the Section 301 investigation" and "[t]o further encourage China to eliminate the acts, policies, and practices at issue, and to counteract the burden or restriction of these acts, policies, and practices, the Trade Representative shall modify the [actions taken in the investigation] to increase Section 301 *ad valorem* rates of duty" for certain specified products of China. *See* <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2024/05/14/memorandum-on-actions-by-the-united-states-related-to-the-statutory-4-year-review-of-the-section-301-investigation-of-chinas-acts-policies-and-practices-related-to-technology-transfer-intellectual-property/>. In particular, the President's Memorandum specified 14 categories of products for proposed tariff increases, tariff rates for those products, and year for tariff increases.

Consistent with the President's direction, USTR issued a **Federal Register** notice with proposed modifications, including proposed increases in Section 301 duties on 382 HTSUS subheadings and 5 statistical reporting numbers of the HTSUS, with an approximate annual trade value of \$18 billion (2023). *See* 89 FR 46252

(May 28, 2024) (May 28 notice). In accordance with Section 307(a)(2) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2417(a)(2)), USTR invited comments from interested persons and opened a 30-day docket on May 29, 2024 (USTR–2024–0007). *See* May 28 notice.

On September 18, 2024, the U.S. Trade Representative announced modifications to the actions, including certain adjustments to the modifications proposed in the May 28 notice. *See* 89 FR 76581 (September 18, 2024) (September 18 notice). Additionally, and based on comments requesting that certain HTSUS subheadings be added to the 382 HTSUS subheadings proposed for tariff increases, the U.S. Trade Representative proposed increasing Section 301 duties on 5 additional HTSUS subheadings covering certain tungsten products, wafers, and polysilicon.

In accordance with Section 307(a)(2) of the Trade Act, USTR invited comments from interested persons and opened a 30-day docket on September 24, 2024 (USTR–2024–0016). *See* 89 FR 77958 (September 24, 2024) (September 24 notice).

B. Determination To Modify the Actions

Pursuant to Sections 307(c) and 307(a)(1) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2417(c), (a)(1)), the U.S. Trade Representative may modify or terminate any action, subject to the specific direction, if any, of the President with respect to such action, that is being taken under Section 301 if the burden or restriction on U.S. commerce of the acts, policies, and practices that are the subject of such action has increased or decreased, or such action is being taken under Section 301(b) and no longer is appropriate.

As previously discussed, modification of the actions is warranted under Section 307(a)(1)(B) and Section 307(a)(1)(C). *See* 89 FR 76581 (September 18, 2024). The modifications to the actions are set out in the Annex to this notice. The U.S. Trade Representative's determination takes account of the public comments, the President's Memorandum and the policy rationale underlying the President's direction, as well as the advice of the interagency Section 301 committee and appropriate advisory committees.

Any product listed in the Annex to this notice, which is subject to the additional duties imposed by this determination, and that is admitted into a U.S. foreign trade zone, except any product that is eligible for admission under "domestic status" as defined in 19 CFR 146.43, only may be admitted as