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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dispute No. WTO/DS447]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States—Measures Affecting the Importation of Animals, Meat and Other Animal Products From Argentina

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (AUSTR@) is providing notice that Argentina has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (AWTO Agreement@). That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS447/2. 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 settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before March 21, 2013, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2013-0003. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Chen, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA") (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided

after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that a dispute settlement panel has been established pursuant to the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding ("DSU"). The panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

Major Issues Raised by Argentina

Due to the presence of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Argentina, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) does not permit the import of fresh bovine meat (beef) from Argentina. In December 2002, Argentina submitted an application for authorization to import fresh beef that is either chilled or frozen from the subnational region of Argentina north of the 42nd parallel. In September 2003, Argentina submitted an application for FMD disease-free status (which would include permission to import fresh beef that is either chilled or frozen) with respect to a sub-national region designated as Patagonia South. In December 2008, Argentina submitted an application to APHIS requesting FMD disease-free status (which would include permission to import fresh beef that is either chilled or frozen) with respect to a sub-national region designated as Patagonia North B. No final decision has been reached on these applications.

In its request for the establishment of a panel, Argentina alleges that the regulations and other measures of APHIS as applied to Argentina's request for import authorization breach various provisions of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) and the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994). For instance, Argentina asserts that APHIS's existing prohibition on the importation of animals, meat and other animal products in connection to FMD lacks scientific justification and is discriminatory. In addition, Argentina argues that APHIS has not processed Argentina's applications in a timely manner.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Persons may submit public comments electronically to www.regulations.gov docket number USTR-2013-0003. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact

Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number USTR-2013-0003 on the home page and click "search". The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!" (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use This Site" on the left side of the home page.)

The www.regulations.gov Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a "Type Comments" field, or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. It is expected that most comments will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type Comments" field.

A person requesting that information contained in a comment that he/she submitted, 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 submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such and the submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Any comment containing business confidential information must be submitted by fax to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395 - 3640.

A non-confidential summary of the confidential information must be submitted to www.regulations.gov. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and will be open to public inspection.

USTR may determine that information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, is 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) Must provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice. Any comment containing confidential information must be submitted by fax. A non-confidential summary of the

confidential information must be submitted to www.regulations.gov. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and will be open to public inspection.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a docket on this dispute settlement proceeding, docket number USTR—2013—0003, accessible to the public at www.regulations.gov.

The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public regarding the dispute. If a dispute settlement panel is convened, or in the event of an appeal from such a panel, the following documents will be made available to the public at www.ustr.gov: the United States' submissions, any non-confidential submissions received from other participants in the dispute, and any non-confidential summaries of submissions received from other participants in the dispute.

In the event that a dispute settlement panel is convened, or in the event of an appeal from such a panel, and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body, will also be available on the Web site of the World Trade Organization, at www.wto.org. Comments open to public inspection may be viewed at www.regulations.gov.

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Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Government/Industry Aeronautical Charting Forum Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the biannual meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aeronautical Charting Forum (ACF) to discuss informational content and design of aeronautical charts and related products, as well as instrument flight procedures development policy and design criteria.

DATES: The ACF is separated into two distinct groups. The Instrument Procedures Group (IPG) will meet April 23, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Charting Group will meet April 24 and 25, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be hosted by Innovative Solutions International, a Pragmatics, Inc. Company at 1761 Business Center Drive, Reston, VA 20190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information relating to the Instrument Procedures Group, contact Thomas E. Schneider, FAA, Flight Procedures Standards Branch, AFS–420, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125; telephone: (405) 954–5852, fax: (405) 954–2528.

For information relating to the

Charting Group, contact Valerie S.

Watson, FAA, National Aeronautical Navigation Products (AeroNav Products), Quality Assurance & Regulatory Support, AJV-3, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, Station 4640, Silver Spring, MD 20910; telephone: (301) 427–5155, fax: (301) 427–5412. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to § 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Aeronautical Charting Forum to be held from April 23 through April 25, 2013, from 8:30 a.m.

The Instrument Procedures Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding pilot procedures for instrument flight, as well as criteria, design, and developmental policy for instrument approach and departure procedures.

to 5:00 p.m. at Innovative Solutions

International (ISI), a Pragmatics Inc.

Company, at their offices at 1761

Business Center Drive, Reston, VA

The Charting Group agenda will include briefings and discussions on recommendations regarding aeronautical charting specifications, flight information products, and new aeronautical charting and air traffic control initiatives. Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available.

Please note the following special security requirements for access to the Pragmatics, Inc. Corporation Headquarters. A picture I.D. is required of all US citizens. All foreign national participants are required to have a passport. Additionally, not later than April 5, 2013, foreign national attendees must provide their name, country of citizenship, company/organization representing, and country of the company/organization. Send the information to: Christy Nettleton, Innovative Solutions International, FAA, Flight Procedures Implementation & Oversight Branch, AFS-460, 6500 South MacArthur Blvd., P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK, or via Email (preferred) to:

Christy.ctr.nettleton@faa.gov. Foreign nationals who do not provide the required information will not be allowed entrance—NO EXCEPTIONS.

The public must make arrangements by April 5, 2013, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements and/or new agenda items to the committee by providing a copy to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section not later than April 5, 2013. Public statements will only be considered if time permits.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 19, 2013.

Valerie S. Watson,

Co-Chair, Aeronautical Charting Forum. [FR Doc. 2013–04123 Filed 2–21–13; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–13–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Notice of Applications for Modification of Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modification of special permits (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new application for special permits to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 11, 2013.

Address Comments To: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous