

manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1204, in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on six digit coding systems. The first coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The second is the Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The SBA received a request on November 2, 2004 to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing.

In response, SBA is currently processing a request to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 324110.

The public is invited to comment or provide source information to SBA on the proposed waiver of the nonmanufacturer rule for this NAICS code.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17).

Dated: November 29, 2004.

Emily Murphy,

Acting Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4915]

Foreign Terrorists and Terrorist Organizations; Designation: Jam'at Tawhid al wa'al-Jihad, et al.

Determination pursuant to section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 relating to the designation of Jam'at al Tawhid wa'al-Jihad, also known as the Monotheism and Jihad Group, also known as the al-Zarqawi Network, also

known as al-Tawhid, also known as Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn, also known as the Organization of al-Jihad's Base in Iraq, also known as the Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in Iraq, also known as al-Qaida of Jihad in Iraq, also known as al-Qaida in Iraq, also known as al-Qaida in Mesopotamia, also known as al-Qaida in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as al-Qaida of the Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as al-Qaida of Jihad Organization in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as al-Qaida Group of Jihad in Iraq, also known as al-Qaida Group of Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as the Organization of Jihad's Base in the Country of the Two Rivers, also known as the Organization Base of Jihad/Country of the Two Rivers, also known as the Organization of al-Jihad's Base in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as the Organization Base of Jihad/Mesopotamia, also known as the Organization of al-Jihad's Base of Operations in the Land of the Two Rivers, also known as Tanzeem qa'idat al Jihad/Bilad al Raafidaini.

Acting under the authority of section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13286 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, and in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, I hereby determine that the designated terrorist organization known as Jam'at al-Tawhid wa'al-Jihad, aka the Monotheism and Jihad Group, aka, the al-Zarqawi Network, also known as al-Tawhid, has amended its name to Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn and all the translations and transliterations of that name listed above. This group continues to commit, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that "prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously," I determine that no prior notice need be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 30, 2004.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Free Trade Agreement With Oman

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of intent to initiate negotiations on a free trade agreement with Oman, request for comments, and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The United States intends to initiate negotiations on a free trade agreement with Oman. The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in amplifying and clarifying negotiating objectives for the proposed agreements and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the proposed agreements.

DATES: Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intent to testify, as well as their testimony, by January 5, 2005. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on January 14, 2005. Written comments are due by noon, January 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions by electronic mail:* FR0510@USTR.EOP.GOV.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding Oman should be directed to Jason Buntin, Director for Western Europe and Middle East Affairs, at (202) 395-3320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Under section 2104 of the Trade Act of 2002 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 3804), for

agreements that will be approved and implemented through trade promotion authority (TPA) procedures, the President must provide the Congress with at least 90 days' written notice of his intent to enter into negotiations and must identify the specific objectives for the negotiations. Before and after the submission of this notice, the President must consult with appropriate Congressional committees and the Congressional Oversight Group (COG) regarding the negotiations. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the President must (i) afford interested persons an opportunity to present their views regarding any matter relevant to any proposed agreement, (ii) designate an agency or inter-agency committee to hold a public hearing regarding any proposed agreement, and (iii) seek the advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) regarding the probable economic effects on U.S. industries and consumers of the removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on imports pursuant to any proposed agreement.

On November 15, 2004, after consulting with relevant Congressional committees and the COG, the USTR notified the Congress that the President intends to initiate free trade agreement negotiations with Oman and identified specific objectives for the negotiations. In addition, the USTR has requested that the ITC provide its advice on probable economic effects no later than February 28, 2005. This notice solicits views from the public on these negotiations and provides information on a hearing that will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

2. Public Comments and Testimony

To assist the Administration as it continues to develop its negotiating objectives for the proposed agreements, the Chairman of the TPSC invites the written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons at a public hearing. Comments and testimony may address the reduction or elimination of tariffs or non-tariff barriers on any articles provided for in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) that are products of Oman, any concession that should be sought by the United States, or any other matter relevant to the proposed agreements. The TPSC invites comments and testimony on all of these matters and, in particular, seeks comments and testimony addressed to:

(a) General and commodity-specific negotiating objectives for the proposed agreements.

(b) Economic costs and benefits to U.S. producers and consumers of removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on articles traded with Oman.

(c) Treatment of specific goods (described by HTSUS numbers) under the proposed agreements, including comments on (1) product-specific import or export interests or barriers, (2) experience with particular measures that should be addressed in the negotiations, and (3) in the case of articles for which immediate elimination of tariffs is not appropriate, a recommended staging schedule for such elimination.

(d) Adequacy of existing customs measures to ensure that imported goods originate from Oman, and appropriate rules of origin for goods entering the United States under the proposed agreements.

(e) Existing sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade imposed by Oman that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(f) Existing barriers to trade in services between the United States and Oman that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(g) Relevant trade-related intellectual property rights issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(h) Relevant investment issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(i) Relevant government procurement issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(j) Relevant environmental and labor issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

Comments identifying as present or potential trade barriers laws or regulations that are not primarily trade-related should address the economic, political, and social objectives of such regulations and the degree to which they discriminate against producers of the other country. At a later date, the USTR, through the TPSC, will publish notice of reviews regarding (a) the possible environmental effects of the proposed agreements and the scope of the U.S. environmental review of the proposed agreements, and (b) the impact of the proposed agreements on U.S. employment and labor markets.

A hearing will be held on January 14, 2005, in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intent to testify by January 5, 2005. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraphs) summary of the presentation, including the subject matter and, as applicable,

the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects (such as investment, intellectual property, and/or government procurement) to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the hearing should contact the TPSC Executive Secretary.

Interested persons, including persons who participate in the hearing, may submit written comments by noon, January 25, 2005. Written comments may include rebuttal points demonstrating errors of fact or analysis not pointed out in the hearing. All written comments must state clearly the position taken, describe with particularity the supporting rationale, and be in English. The first page of written comments must specify the subject matter, including, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects (such as investment, intellectual property and/or government procurement).

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, the Office of the United States Trade Representative strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement," followed by (as appropriate) "Notice of Intent to Testify," "Testimony," or "Written Comments." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Spreadsheets submitted as supporting documentation are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. If any document submitted electronically contains business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-," and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-." The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. 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.

Written comments, notice of testimony, and testimony will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and non-confidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Free Trade Agreement With the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of intent to initiate negotiations on a free trade agreement with the UAE, request for comments, and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The United States intends to initiate negotiations on a free trade agreement with the UAE. The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in amplifying and clarifying negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the proposed agreement.

DATES: Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written

notification of their intent to testify, as well as their testimony, by January 5, 2005. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on January 12, 2005. Written comments are due by noon, January 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions by electronic mail:* FR0509@USTR.EOP.GOV.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143. The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding the UAE should be directed to Douglas Bell, Director for the Middle East and North Africa, at (202) 395-4620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Under section 2104 of the Trade Act of 2002 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 3804), for agreements that will be approved and implemented through trade promotion authority (TPA) procedures, the President must provide the Congress with at least 90 days' written notice of his intent to enter into negotiations and must identify the specific objectives for the negotiations. Before and after the submission of this notice, the President must consult with appropriate Congressional committees and the Congressional Oversight Group (COG) regarding the negotiations. Under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the President must (i) afford interested persons an opportunity to present their views regarding any matter relevant to any proposed agreement, (ii) designate an agency or inter-agency committee to hold a public hearing regarding any proposed agreement, and (iii) seek the advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) regarding the probable economic effects on U.S. industries and consumers of the removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on imports pursuant to any proposed agreement.

On November 15, 2004, after consulting with relevant Congressional committees and the COG, the USTR notified the Congress that the President intends to initiate free trade agreement negotiations with the UAE and identified specific objectives for the negotiations. In addition, the USTR has requested that the ITC provide its advice on probable economic effects no later

than February 28, 2005. This notice solicits views from the public on these negotiations and provides information on a hearing that will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

2. Public Comments and Testimony

To assist the Administration as it continues to develop its negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement, the Chairman of the TPSC invites the written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons at a public hearing. Comments and testimony may address the reduction or elimination of tariffs or non-tariff barriers on any articles provided for in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) that are products of the UAE, any concession that should be sought by the United States, or any other matter relevant to the proposed agreement. The TPSC invites comments and testimony on all of these matters and, in particular, seeks comments and testimony addressed to:

(a) General and commodity-specific negotiating objectives for the proposed agreement.

(b) Economic costs and benefits to U.S. producers and consumers of removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on articles traded with the UAE.

(c) Treatment of specific goods (described by HTSUS numbers) under the proposed agreement, including comments on

(1) Product-specific import or export interests or barriers,

(2) Experience with particular measures that should be addressed in the negotiations, and

(3) In the case of articles for which immediate elimination of tariffs is not appropriate, a recommended staging schedule for such elimination.

(d) Adequacy of existing customs measures to ensure that imported goods originate from the UAE, and appropriate rules of origin for goods entering the United States under the proposed agreement.

(e) Existing sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade imposed by the UAE that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(f) Existing barriers to trade in services between the United States and the UAE that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(g) Relevant trade-related intellectual property rights issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.

(h) Relevant investment issues that should be addressed in the negotiations.