

Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-2002-55 and should be submitted by May 22, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3999]

### Developing Department of State Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to OMB Information Quality Guidelines Under Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106-554; HR 5658)

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State (DOS) is now soliciting comments through its website on proposed Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to OMB Information Quality Guidelines under Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106-554; HR 5658). From May 1 through May 31, 2002, the public is invited to comment on these draft guidelines, which may be found at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/rls/infoguide/>. All comments will be considered as DOS develops Information Quality Guidelines pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Final Guidelines issued on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451-8460). Comments submitted in response to this notice may be disclosed in whole or part to OMB in conjunction with the DOS submission of revised guidelines for

OMB review. The submitted comments become a matter of public record. Notice of the availability of DOS guidelines, as revised, will be published in the **Federal Register** and the revised guidelines will be available on the DOS web site no later than October 1, 2002.

**Authority:** Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law 106-554; HR 5658) and the Office of Management and Budget Final Guidelines issued on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 369-378), as corrected and reprinted on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8451-8460).

**DATES:** The public is invited to submit comments relative to the proposed guidelines from May 1 through May 31, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to [dnewman@pd.state.gov](mailto:dnewman@pd.state.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David S. Newman, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982; e-mail: [dnewman@pd.state.gov](mailto:dnewman@pd.state.gov)). The address is Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

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Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Determinations Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined that Senegal has adopted an effective visa system and related procedures to prevent unlawful transshipment and the use of counterfeit documents in connection with shipments of textile and apparel articles and has implemented and follows, or is making substantial progress towards implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). Therefore, imports of eligible products from Senegal qualify for the textile and apparel benefits provided under the AGOA. In addition, this notice modifies the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) to add Swaziland to the list of "lesser

developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries."

**DATES:** Effective April 23, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Moore, Director for African Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9514.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AGOA (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) provides preferential tariff treatment for imports of certain textile and apparel products of "beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries," provided that these countries (1) have adopted an effective visa system and related procedures to prevent unlawful transshipment and the use of counterfeit documents, and (2) have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, certain customs procedures that assist the Customs Service in verifying the origin of the products.

In Proclamation 7350 (Oct. 2, 2000), the President designated Senegal as a "beneficiary sub-Saharan African country." Proclamation 7350 delegated to the United States Trade Representative the authority to determine whether designated countries have met the two requirements described above. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal Register** and to implement them through modifications of the HTS. Based on actions that Senegal has taken, I have determined that Senegal has satisfied these two requirements.

In Proclamation 7400 (Jan. 17, 2001), the President proclaimed Swaziland a lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of section 112(b)(3)(B) of the AGOA. Due to a technical error, Swaziland was not added to U.S. note 2(d) to subchapter XIX of chapter 98 of the HTS. USTR determined that Swaziland qualified for the textile and apparel benefits of the AGOA effective July 26, 2001. *See* 66 FR 41648.

According, pursuant to the authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 7350, U.S. note 7(a) to subchapter II of chapter 98 of the HTS and U.S. note 1 to subchapter XIX of chapter 98 of the HTS are each modified by inserting "Senegal" in alphabetical sequence in the list of countries. The foregoing modifications to the HTS are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the effective date of this notice. Importers claiming preferential tariff treatment under the AGOA for entries of textile and apparel articles should ensure that those entries

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).