

On June 8, 2020, the National Bureau of Economic Research published a report by its Business Cycle Dating Committee, <https://www.nber.org/cycles/june2020.html>, in which it determined that a peak in monthly economic activity occurred in the U.S. economy in February 2020, and that this peak marked the end of the expansion that began in June 2009 and the beginning of a recession. The report noted that the usual definition of a recession involves a decline in economic activity that lasts more than a few months but recognized that the pandemic and the public health response have resulted in a downturn with different characteristics and dynamics than prior recessions. The report concluded that “the unprecedented magnitude of the decline in employment and production, and its broad reach across the entire economy, warrants the designation of this episode as a recession, even if it turns out to be briefer than earlier contractions.”

Based on the National Bureau of Economic Research’s determination, SBA is announcing in accordance with 13 CFR 120.882(g)(5) that, beginning with applications submitted on or after publication of this Notice, Borrowers may contribute not less than 10% of the costs for Refinancing Without Expansion Projects involving limited or special purpose buildings or structures. This lower percentage for the Borrower’s contribution will remain in effect until the first day of the calendar quarter following the end of the economic recession as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research or its equivalent. SBA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the date on which the requirement of the lower Borrower contribution ended.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 696; 13 CFR 120.882.

Jovita Carranza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11160]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Rescindment of a System of Records Notice.

SUMMARY: The “Identity Management System (IDMS) Records, State-72”, which is being rescinded, contains

information used to ensure the safety and security of Department of State facilities, systems, or information, and its occupants and users; verify that all persons entering federal facilities, using federal information resources, or accessing classified information are authorized to do so; and track and control PIV cards issued to persons entering and exiting the facilities, using systems, or accessing classified information.

DATES: On June 15, 2018, the Department of State published a notice in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 28058) that records in State-72 were being consolidated with “Security Records, State-36” into a single modified State-36 because the records and system purposes are substantially similar.

ADDRESSES: Questions can be submitted by mail, email, or by calling John C. Sullivan, the Senior Agency Official for Privacy, on (202) 647–6435. If mail, please write to: U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Information Systems, A/GIS, Room 1417, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520. If email, please address the email to the Senior Agency Official for Privacy, John C. Sullivan, at Privacy@state.gov. Please write “Identity Management System Records, State-72” on the envelope or the subject line of your email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Sullivan, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Information Services, A/GIS, Room 1417, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520 or by calling (202) 647–6435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The records in “Identity Management System (IDMS) Records, State-72” (previously published at 71 FR 62653) were consolidated with “Security Records, State-36” (previously published at 80 FR 77691). The new SORN reflecting the consolidated systems of records “Security Records, State-36” was published at 83 FR 28058 on June 15, 2018.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Identity Management System (IDMS) Records, State-72.

HISTORY:

“Identity Management System (IDMS) Records, State-72” was previously published at 71 FR 62653 and “Security Records, State-36” was previously published at 80 FR 77691 before being

modified and re-published at 83 FR 28058.

John C. Sullivan,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11176]

Notice of the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Title VIII) Advisory Committee Open Virtual Meeting

ACTION: Notice of an advisory committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given to announce a public virtual meeting of the Title VIII Advisory Committee on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

DATES: The meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Thursday, August 20, 2020 via Google Meets and adjourn at approximately 4:00 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Sidni Dechaine, Title VIII Program Officer, Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, TitleVIII@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All meeting participants are being asked to submit a notice of intent to attend by Tuesday, August 18, 2020 via email to TitleVIII@state.gov, subject line “Title VIII Advisory Committee Public Meeting 2020.” Upon receipt of notice, attendees will receive the meeting number and password. Members of the public who will participate are encouraged to dial into the meeting 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Purpose of Meeting and Topics to be Discussed: The Advisory Committee will announce grant recipients for the 2020 funding opportunity for the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, in accordance with the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, Public Law 98–164, as amended. The agenda will include opening statements by the Committee chair and Committee members. The Committee will provide an overview

and discussion of eligible grant proposals submitted from “national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union,” based on the guidelines set forth in the March 12, 2020 request for proposals published on *Grants.gov* and SAMS Domestic (*mygrants.service-now.com*). Following Committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program. This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance.

Zachary A. Parker,

Director, Office of Directives Management, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2020–0030]

Request for Comments Concerning the Extension of Particular Exclusions Expiring in October 2020 Granted Under the \$34 Billion Action Pursuant to Section 301: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Effective July 6, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated an exclusion process in July 2018 and granted multiple sets of exclusions. In October and December 2019, and February 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative granted exclusions that are scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020. The U.S. Trade Representative has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions scheduled to expire in October 2020. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) invites public comment on whether to extend particular exclusions.

DATES:

August 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. ET: The public docket on the web portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov> will open for parties to submit comments on the possible extension of particular exclusions.

August 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET: To be assured of consideration, submit written comments on the public docket by this deadline.

ADDRESSES: You must submit all comments through the online portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Benjamin Allen at (202) 395–5725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see prior notices including 82 FR 40213 (August 23, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018), 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), 83 FR 65198 (December 19, 2018), 84 FR 67463 (December 28, 2018), 84 FR 7966 (March 5, 2019), 84 FR 11152 (March 25, 2019), 84 FR 16310 (April 18, 2019), 84 FR 21389 (May 14, 2019), 84 FR 25895 (June 4, 2019), 84 FR 32821 (July 9, 2019), 84 FR 49564 (September 20, 2019), 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019), 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019), 84 FR 70616 (December 23, 2019), 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020), 85 FR 15849 (March 19, 2020), 85 FR 20332 (April 10, 2020), 85 FR 28692 (May 13, 2020), 85 FR 29503 (May 15, 2020), 85 FR 33775 (June 2, 2020), 85 FR 35158 (June 8, 2020), 85 FR 41267 (July 9, 2020), and 85 FR 42970 (July 15, 2020).

Effective July 6, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional 25 percent duties on goods of China classified in 818 eight-digit subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), with an approximate annual trade value of \$34 billion. *See* 83 FR 28710. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a process by which U.S. stakeholders could request exclusion of particular products classified within an eight-digit HTSUS subheading covered by the \$34 billion action from the additional duties. The U.S. Trade Representative issued a notice setting out the process for the product exclusions, and opened a public docket. *See* 83 FR 32181 (July 11, 2018) (July 11 notice).

The July 11 notice required submission of requests for exclusion

from the \$34 billion action no later than October 9, 2018, and noted that the U.S. Trade Representative periodically would announce decisions. The U.S. Trade Representative has granted multiple sets of exclusions. In October and December 2019, and February 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative granted exclusions that are scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020. *See* 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019), 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019), and 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020).

B. Possible Extensions of Particular Product Exclusions

The U.S. Trade Representative has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions scheduled to expire in October 2020. Accordingly, USTR invites public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020, that were granted under the following notices of product exclusions: 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019); 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019); and 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020).

USTR will evaluate the possible extension of each exclusion on a case-by-case basis. The focus of the evaluation will be whether, despite the first imposition of these additional duties in July 2018, the particular product remains available only from China. In addressing this factor, commenters should address specifically:

- Whether the particular product and/or a comparable product is available from sources in the United States and/or in third countries.
- Any changes in the global supply chain since July 2018 with respect to the particular product or any other relevant industry developments.
- The efforts, if any, the importers or U.S. purchasers have undertaken since July 2018 to source the product from the United States or third countries.

In addition, USTR will continue to consider whether the imposition of additional duties on the products covered by the exclusion will result in severe economic harm to the commenter or other U.S. interests.

C. Procedures To Comment on the Extension of Particular Exclusions

To submit a comment regarding the extension of a particular exclusion scheduled to expire in October 2020, commenters first must register on the portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov>. As noted above, the public docket on the portal will be open from August 1, 2020, to August 30, 2020. After registration, the commenter may submit