

United States to waive the requirements of Section 7031(b)(1) of the Act with respect to the Kyrgyz Republic, and I hereby waive this restriction.

This determination and accompanying Memorandum of Justification shall be reported to the Congress, and the determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 11, 2012.

**Thomas R. Nides,**

*Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8454]

### Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Turkmenistan

Pursuant to Section 7031 (b)(3) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2012 (Div. I, Pub. L. 112-74) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7031 (b)(1) of the Act with respect to Turkmenistan, and I hereby waive this restriction.

This determination and accompanying Memorandum of Justification shall be reported to the Congress, and the determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

**Thomas R. Nides,**

*Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8455]

### Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Tajikistan

Pursuant to Section 7031 (b)(3) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2012 (Div. I, Pub. L. 112-74) ("the Act"), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245-1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7031 (b)(1) of the Act with

respect to Tajikistan and I hereby waive this restriction.

This determination and accompanying Memorandum of Justification shall be reported to the Congress, and the determination shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 13, 2012.

**Thomas R. Nides,**

*Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Comments on Additional Participants in Trade in Services Agreement

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On January 15, 2013, the United States Trade Representative notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into negotiations for a Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) with an initial group of 20 trading partners. The January 15 notification states that the group negotiating TISA "will expand as negotiations progress to include others who share our ambitious goals. This expansion will help further U.S. objectives for this agreement rather than change them." The TISA negotiating countries agree that two additional trading partners, Paraguay and Liechtenstein, are willing and able to meet the high standards envisioned for the agreement. The negotiating countries have formed a consensus to allow these new participants to join the negotiations. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking public comments regarding particular priorities with respect to the participation of these two countries in the negotiations.

**DATES:** Written comments are due by October 4, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** *Submissions via on-line:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions concerning requirements for written comments, please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding this notice

should be directed to Thomas Fine at (202) 395-6875.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 15, 2013, Ambassador Kirk notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into the TISA negotiations. The TISA negotiations will be compatible with and will build upon the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services, because TISA partners are aiming for a high-standard agreement, which, at some point in the future, may be brought under the auspices of the WTO Agreement.

The following 20 trading partners constituted the initial group of TISA participants: Australia, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, European Union on behalf of its member states, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Switzerland, and Turkey. USTR solicited public comments on the agreement through a notification published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2013 (Document number: 2013-01497). Comments received through that process may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USTR-2013-0001.

With the addition of Paraguay and Liechtenstein to the negotiating group, the Chair of the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) now invites interested persons to provide written comments that will assist USTR in assessing U.S. objectives with regard to their participation. The TPSC Chair invites comments on all relevant matters, and, in particular, with regard to the nature of any existing barriers to trade in services with these markets or issues affecting the supply of services to these markets through various modes of supply and technologies.

### Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "Trade in Services Agreement: New Participants—Paraguay and Liechtenstein." In order to be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted by October 4, 2013. In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Comments should be submitted under the following docket: USTR-2013-0029. To find the docket, enter the docket number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the <http://www.regulations.gov> home page and