

policies and instructions to determine if we should revise or update them.

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Carolyn W. Colvin,

Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8528]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: PEPFAR Program Expenditures

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to December 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Kathleen Borgueta at SA–44 Room 700, who may be reached on 202–203–7492 or at borguetak@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* PEPFAR Program Expenditures.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0208.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (S/GAC).
- *Form Number:* DS–4213.
- *Respondents:* Recipients of US government funds appropriated to carry

out the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1581.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1581.
 - *Average Time per Response:* 24 hours.
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 37,944 hours.
 - *Frequency:* Annually.
 - *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
 - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
 - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was established through enactment of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–25), as amended by the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–293) (HIV/AIDS Leadership Act) to support the global response to HIV/AIDS. In order to improve program monitoring, the Finance and Economics Work Group under PEPFAR proposes to add reporting of expenditures by program area to the current routine reporting of program results for the annual report. Data will be collected from implementing partners in countries with PEPFAR programs using a standard tool (DS–4213) via an electronic interface. These data will then be analyzed to produce mean and range in expenditures by partner per result/achievement for all PEPFAR program areas. These analyses then feed into partner and program reviews at the country level for monitoring and evaluation on an ongoing basis. Summaries of these data provide key

information about program costs under PEPFAR on a global level. Applying expenditure results will improve strategic budgeting, identification of efficient means of delivering services, accuracy in defining program targets, and will inform allocation of resources to ensure the program is accountable and using public funds for maximum impact.

Methodology: Data will be collected in a standard electronic template available to all partners receiving funds under PEPFAR. To minimize both reporting burden and investment costs into information technologies, a new module capturing expenditure data will be added to an already functional system. This approach will minimize US Government start up costs for the technology and ensure data collection processes are as efficient as possible.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Julia Martin,

Chief Operations Officer, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8529]

Request for Public Comments on the UN Committee on World Food Security Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State invites the public, including non-governmental and civil society organizations, think tanks, educational institutions, private sector companies, and other interested persons, to submit written comments on the draft UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment. Comments received will be shared in full with the CFS for consideration.

DATES: All written comments must be received no later than December 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be emailed to Amy Diggs (DiggsAK@state.gov), Office of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Textile Trade Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Diggs, telephone (202) 736–4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CFS is an intergovernmental platform for all

stakeholders to address food and nutrition security, including the production of and physical and economic access to food. In October 2012, the CFS began a multi-stakeholder process to develop voluntary, non-binding international principles for responsible investment in agriculture along the entire value chain. The United States is a member of the CFS and involved in the negotiation of the principles.

The draft principles document prepared by the CFS Secretariat is available on the CFS Web site (<http://www.fao.org/cfs/cfs-home/resaginv/en/>). We invite comments from the public. Please send them to the email address noted in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Dated: November 18, 2013.

Jonathan Shrier,

Acting Special Representative, Office of Global Food Security, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Deadline Extension and Import Statistics Relating to Competitive Need Limitations

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of (1) an extension to December 20, 2013 of the deadline for submission of petitions to waive competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, and (2) the availability of import statistics for the first eight months of 2013 relating to CNLs. Although USTR will receive CNL waiver petitions through December 20, 2013, no action will be taken regarding submitted petitions while the GSP program is without authorization.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Keysha Martinez (202-395-9618 or kmartinez@ustr.eop.gov), Director for GSP, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Competitive Need Limitations

The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries (BDCs). The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19

U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (the “1974 Act”), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and proclamations.

Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two CNLs. When the President determines that a BDC has exported to the United States during a calendar year either (1) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that year (\$160 million for 2013), or (2) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (the “50 percent CNL”), the President must terminate duty-free treatment under the GSP program for that article from that BDC by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year, unless he waives the CNL. Any CNL-related product exclusions resulting from the 2013 GSP Annual Review will be based on full 2013 calendar-year import statistics.

Under section 503(c)(2)(F) of the 1974 Act, the President may waive the 50 percent CNL with respect to an eligible article imported from a BDC, if the value of total imports of that article from all countries during the calendar year did not exceed the applicable *de minimis* amount for that year (\$21.5 million for 2013).

II. Extension of Deadline for Petitions To Waive CNLs

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2013 (78 FR 45596) announced the launch of the 2013 GSP Annual Review, including, *inter alia*, a November 22, 2013, deadline for receipt of petitions from the public to waive the application of CNLs for specific products from certain countries. That deadline has been extended to 5 p.m. on December 20, 2013. Please see the referenced July 29, 2013 **Federal Register** notice for more information on the procedures for submitting a petition for a CNL waiver.

III. Effect of Lapse in GSP Authorization on the GSP Annual Review

Authorization of the GSP program expired July 31, 2013. USTR will receive petitions for CNL waivers, submitted as part of the 2013 GSP Annual Review, even though the GSP program is without authorization, so that the President can be in a position to take action if Congress acts to reauthorize the GSP program. However, as long as the program remains without authorization, no action will be taken regarding any petitions submitted as

part of the 2013 GSP Annual Review, including CNL waiver petitions.

IV. Interim 2013 Import Statistics

Interim import statistics for the first eight months of 2013 relating to CNLs can be viewed on the USTR Web site at: <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-revie-0>. The interim 2013 import statistics are organized to show, for each article, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading and BDC of origin, the value of imports of the article from the specified country for the first eight months of 2013, and the corresponding share of total imports of that article from all countries. The list includes the GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that, based on interim eight-month 2013 data, exceed \$105 million dollars, or an amount greater than 42 percent of the total value of U.S. imports of that product and therefore may be on track to exceed the applicable thresholds.

The list published on the USTR Web site includes the relevant eight-month trade statistics for each of these products and is provided as a courtesy for informational purposes only. The list is based on interim 2013 trade data, and may not include all articles that may be affected by a CNL. Regardless of whether or not an article is included on the list referenced in this notice, all determinations and decisions regarding application of the CNLs will be based on full calendar-year 2013 import data for each GSP-eligible article. Each interested party is advised to conduct its own review of 2013 import data with regard to the possible application of CNLs.

Full calendar-year 2013 data for individual tariff subheadings are expected to be available in February 2014 on the <http://dataweb.usitc.gov/> Web site of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for GSP, Chairman, GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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