

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Foreign Claims Settlement Commission****Sunshine Act Meeting****F.C.S.C. Meeting and Hearing Notice No. 02-12**

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR part 503.25) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings as follows:

Thursday, February 23, 2012:

3:00 p.m.—Issuance of Proposed Decisions in claims against Libya.
4:00 p.m.—Oral hearing on Objection to Commission's Proposed Decision in Claim No. LIB-II-088.

Friday, February 24, 2012:

9:00 a.m.—Oral hearings on Objection to Commission's Proposed Decisions in Claim No. LIB-I-051; 10:30 a.m.—LIB-II-169; 12:00 NOON—LIB-II-178.

Status: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Judith H. Lock, Executive Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Suite 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6975.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Forced or Indentured Child Labor in the Production of Goods in Foreign Countries and Efforts by Certain Countries To Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor**

AGENCY: The Bureau of International Labor Affairs, United States Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice: Request for information and invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: This notice is a request for information and/or comment on reports issued by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) October 3, 2011, regarding child labor and forced labor in foreign countries. Relevant information will be used by the Department of Labor (DOL) in preparation of its ongoing

reporting under Congressional mandates and Presidential directive. In addition, ILAB may use relevant information to conduct assessments of each country's individual progress towards eliminating the worst forms of child labor during the current reporting period compared to previous years.

DATES: Submitters of information are requested to provide their submission to the Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (OCFT) at the email or physical address below by 5 p.m. March 9, 2012.

To Submit Information: Information submitted to DOL should be submitted directly to OCFT, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor at (202) 693-4843 (this is not a toll free number). Comments, identified as "Docket No. DOL-2011-0002," may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. The portal includes instructions for submitting comments. Parties submitting responses electronically are encouraged not to submit paper copies.
- *Facsimile (fax):* OCFT at 202-693-4830.
- *Mail, Express Delivery, Hand Delivery, and Messenger Service (2 copies):* Tina McCarter at U.S. Department of Labor, OCFT, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S-5317, Washington, DC 20210.
- *Email:* Email submissions should be addressed to Tina McCarter at mccarter.tina@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina McCarter (see contact information above).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Section 105(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 ("TVPROA of 2005"), Public Law 109-164 (2006), directed the Secretary of Labor, acting through ILAB, to "develop and make available to the public a list of goods from countries that the Bureau of International Labor Affairs has reason to believe are produced by forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards" (TVPROA List).

Pursuant to this mandate, in December 2007 DOL published in the **Federal Register** a set of procedural guidelines that ILAB follows in developing the TVPROA List (72 FR 73374). The guidelines set forth the criteria by which information is evaluated; established procedures for public submission of information to be considered by ILAB; and identified the process ILAB follows in maintaining

and updating the List after its initial publication.

ILAB released its first TVPROA List on September 30, 2009, an update on December 10, 2010 and another update on October 3, 2011. This List is updated periodically as additional countries and territories are researched and new information for countries and territories already reviewed is evaluated. For a copy of the 2011 TVPROA report, Frequently Asked Questions, and other materials relating to the TVPROA List, see ILAB's TVPROA Web page at: <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/programs/ocft/tvpra.htm>.

II. Executive Order No. 13126 (E.O. 13126) declared that it was "the policy of the United States Government * * * that the executive agencies shall take appropriate actions to enforce the laws prohibiting the manufacture or importation of goods, wares, articles, and merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part by forced or indentured child labor." Pursuant to E.O. 13126, and following public notice and comment, the Department of Labor published in the January 18, 2001, **Federal Register**, a final list of products ("E.O. List"), identified by country of origin, that the Department, in consultation and cooperation with the Departments of State (DOS) and Treasury [relevant responsibilities now within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)], had a reasonable basis to believe might have been mined, produced or manufactured with forced or indentured child labor (66 FR 5353). In addition to the List, the Department also published on January 18, 2001, "Procedural Guidelines for Maintenance of the List of Products Requiring Federal Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor," which provide for maintaining, reviewing, and, as appropriate, revising the EO List (66 FR 5351).

Pursuant to Sections D through G of the Procedural Guidelines, the EO List may be updated through consideration of submissions by individuals or through OCFT's own initiative.

DOL has officially revised the EO List twice, on July 20, 2010 and May 31, 2011, each time after public notice and comment as well as consultation with DOS and DHS. In addition, DOL published an initial determination on October 4, 2011 proposing another revision to the EO List and requesting public comment (76 FR 61384).

The current EO List, Procedural Guidelines, and related information can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/regs/eo13126/main.htm>.