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**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Public Comment With Respect to the Annual National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments that provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE.

**DATES:** Public comments are due not later than Thursday, November 6, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** *Submissions by electronic mail:* [FR0717@USTR.EOP.GOV](mailto:FR0717@USTR.EOP.GOV).

*Submissions by facsimile:* Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative (202-395-6143). The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the report, its subject matter or procedural questions concerning submissions should be directed to Ms. Gloria Blue, Office of Policy Coordination, Office of the United States Trade Representative (202-395-3475).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Last year's report may be found on USTR's Internet Home Page (<http://www.ustr.gov>) in the Document Library under the section on Reports. In order to ensure compliance with the statutory mandate for reporting foreign trade barriers that are significant, we will focus particularly on those restrictions where there has been active private sector interest.

The information submitted should relate to one or more of the following ten categories of foreign trade barriers:

(1) Import policies (e.g., tariffs and other import charges, quantitative restrictions, import licensing, and customs barriers);

(2) Standards, testing, labeling, and certification (including unnecessarily restrictive application of phytosanitary standards, refusal to accept U.S. manufacturers' self-certification of conformance to foreign product standards, and environmental restrictions);

(3) Government procurement (e.g., "buy national" policies and closed bidding);

(4) Export subsidies (e.g., export financing on preferential terms and agricultural export subsidies that displace U.S. exports in third country markets);

(5) Lack of intellectual property protection (e.g., inadequate patent, copyright, and trademark regimes);

(6) Services barriers (e.g., limits on the range of financial services offered by foreign financial institutions, regulation of international data flows, restrictions on the use of data processing, quotas on imports of foreign films, and barriers to the provision of services by professionals (e.g., lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers, nurses, etc.);

(7) Investment barriers (e.g., limitations on foreign equity participation and on access to foreign government-funded R&D consortia, local content, technology transfer and export performance requirements, and restrictions on repatriation of earnings, capital, fees and royalties);

(8) Anticompetitive practices with trade effects tolerated by foreign governments (including anticompetitive activities of both state-owned and private firms that apply to services or to goods and that restrict the sale of U.S. products to any firm, not just to foreign firms);

(9) Trade restrictions affecting electronic commerce (e.g., tariff and non-tariff measures, burdensome and discriminatory regulations and standards, and discriminatory taxation); and

(10) Other barriers (i.e., barriers that encompass more than one category, e.g.,

bribery and corruption, or that affect a single sector).

As in the case of last year's NTE, we are asking that particular emphasis be placed on any practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements. We are also interested in receiving any new or updated information pertinent to the barriers covered in last year's report as well as new information. Please note that the information not used in the NTE will be maintained for use in future negotiations.

It is most important that your submission contain estimates of the potential increase in exports that would result from the removal of the barrier, as well as a clear discussion of the method(s) by which the estimates were computed. Estimates should fall within the following value ranges: Less than \$5 million; \$5 to \$25 million; \$25 million to \$50 million; \$50 million to \$100 million; \$100 million to \$500 million; or over \$500 million. Such assessments enhance USTR's ability to conduct meaningful comparative analyses of a barrier's effect over a range of industries.

Please note that interested parties discussing barriers in more than one country should, whenever possible, provide a separate submission (i.e., one that is self-contained) for each country with the country indicated in the subject line of each submission. If separate, country-specific submissions are not feasible, please identify all countries covered by a submission in the subject line of that submission.

**Requirements for Submissions:** In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile. Facsimile submissions should not exceed a maximum of 20 pages.

E-mail submissions should be single copy transmissions in English. Submissions should use the following subject line: "2009 National Trade Estimate Report—Submission by (sector, company, association). Documents must be submitted as either WordPerfect ("WPD"), MSWord ("DOC"), or text ("TXT") file. Documents should not be submitted as electronic image files or contain imbedded images (for example, "JPG", "BMP", or "GIF"), as these types of files are generally excessively large. Supporting Documentation submitted as spreadsheets is acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel, pre-formatted for printing on 8½ x 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the

same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Petitions will be available for public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6. If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential submission must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in large, bold letters at the top and bottom of every page of the documents. The public version that does not contain business confidential information must be clearly marked either "PUBLIC VERSION" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL" in large, bold letters at the top and bottom of every page. The file name of any documents containing business confidential information attached to an e-mail transmission should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the person or party submitting the petition. Submissions by e-mail should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the submission. The e-mail address for submissions is [FR0717@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0717@ustr.eop.gov). Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review shortly after the due date by appointment in the USTR Public Reading Room, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. Availability of documents may be ascertained and appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (202-395-6186).

**Carmen Suro-Bredie,**

*Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Personnel Demonstration Project; Pay Banding and Performance-Based Pay Adjustments in the National Nuclear Security Administration; Correction

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of a demonstration project final plan; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Office of Personnel Management published a document in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2007, announcing the final approval of a demonstration project plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. The document contained three errors.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Patsy Stevens, Systems Innovation Group Manager, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-1574.

#### Correction

In FR Doc. 07-6144 published on December 21, 2007 (72 FR 72776), make the following corrections. On page 72792, in the second column, in the second paragraph under the heading "Other Pay Administration Provisions," the parenthetical clause in the sixth and seventh line should read, "(except as otherwise provided in this plan)."

On page 72800, in the third column, the second paragraph under the section "X. Waiver of Laws and Regulations" should read as follows:

*Chapter 51:* Classification (except that (1) section 5103 is retained and modified after "finally" to read "the coverage of positions and employees under this modified classification system," (2) sections 5111 and 5112 are retained with "grade" replaced by "pay bands," and (3) for the purpose of applying any other laws, regulations, or policies that refer to GS employees or to chapter 51 of title 5, United States Code, the modified classification system established under this plan must be considered to be a GS classification system under chapter 51; this includes, but is not limited to, the reference to the General Schedule in section 5545(d) (relating to hazard pay)).

On page 72801, in the second column, the third paragraph should read as follows:

*Chapter 75, section 7512(3):* Adverse actions (only to the extent necessary to replace "grade" with "band").

**Linda M. Springer,**

*Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-28343]

### Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

July 25, 2008.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of July, 2008. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 19, 2008, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

#### Legg Mason Partners Investment Funds, Inc. [File No. 811-3275]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 16, 2007, each series of applicant transferred its assets to a corresponding series of either Legg Mason Partners Equity Trust or Legg Mason Partners Income Trust, based on net asset value. Expenses of approximately \$1,016,235 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by applicant and Legg Mason, Inc., the parent of applicant's investment adviser.

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on July 16, 2008.

*Applicant's Address:* 55 Water St., New York, NY 10041.

#### Delaware Investments Municipal Trust [File No. 811-6411]

*Summary:* Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an