

happen to the climate system; Working Group II addresses the state of the science on regional, sectoral and cross-sectoral impacts of, and adaptation to, climate change, including the social dimensions and economic costs and benefits; and Working Group III addresses the state of science concerning mitigation of climate change, including the social aspects and economic costs and benefits, and methodological aspects of cross-cutting issues. The individual reports of the working groups were approved in January and February. The Summary for Policymakers for each report is available on the IPCC Web site at <http://www.ipcc.ch/>.

The IPCC reports are prepared by hundreds of scientists from well over 50 countries. They provide a comprehensive assessment of the state of knowledge concerning topics such as scientific information, environmental impacts, response strategies, and other issues concerning climate change. Each report contains numerous technical chapters prepared by experts in the field, and a Summary for Policymakers that is based on the technical chapters but negotiated line-by-line by governments. As part of the Third Assessment Report, the IPCC is currently preparing a Synthesis Report based on the three working group reports. This report will address a series of policy-relevant science questions that have been approved by member governments of the IPCC. These questions explore the effects, costs, and benefits of different stabilization targets for atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases. The report is intended as input to deliberations within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

II. Review Process

The member countries of the IPCC have established a timetable to ensure that the IPCC Secretariat can meet its obligations for a timely completion of the IPCC Third Assessment Report. The SGCR is responsible for coordinating preparation of the USG response, and through this notice is seeking the views of experts and interested organizations and individuals to help in the formulation of its response. Comments will be reviewed, integrated, and used, as appropriate, in the preparation of the official USG comments. An information sheet providing specific guidance on formatting comments is provided Global Change Research Information Office (GCRIO) website. All comments must provide the name and affiliation of the reviewer, and an indication of their area of expertise. This is in accord with the

IPCC practice that all reviewer comments are attributed. To be most useful, comments should be specific in suggesting alternative wording or other changes to the text of a particular paragraph or section and, where appropriate, offer supporting information and peer-reviewed references and/or reference relevant sections of the approved working group reports. Comments on the overall tone and scientific validity of the report and comments expressing the reasons for agreement or disagreement with specific major points are also solicited. Reviews should consider the consistency of the Synthesis Report with the underlying materials, particularly the Summaries for Policymakers for the three Working Groups and the selection and representation of major points.

III. Public Availability of Comments

Subsequent to the USG assembly of its comments, the collection of comments received will be available for public inspection at the Department of State Reading Room. Note that the IPCC draft reports are only available over the Web. The official US Government comments will also subsequently be posted on the Web at http://www.state.gov/www/global/global_issues/climate/index.html.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 2001 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the 2001 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review.

DATES: Final date for submission of petitions is June 13, 2001.

SUMMARY: The deadline for the submission of petitions for the 2001 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Room F220, Washington,

DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Announcement of 2001 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified by a Federal Register notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2001 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review, all petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2001. Petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review and will be returned to the petitioner.

The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et. seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations. Section 505 of the Trade Act states that duty-free treatment provided under the GSP shall not remain in effect after September 30, 2001. If the program expires without reauthorization on that date, the 2001 Annual GSP review will be conducted according to a schedule to be issued in the **Federal Register** if and when the program is reauthorized. The review will be based on those petitions that are submitted prior to the June 13 deadline and accepted for review by the GSP Subcommittee.

A. 2001 GSP Annual Product Review

Interested parties or foreign governments may submit petitions: (1) To designate additional articles as eligible for GSP; (2) to withdraw, suspend or limit GSP duty-free treatment accorded either to eligible articles under the GSP or to individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP eligible articles; (3) to waive the competitive need limits for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP eligible articles; and (4) to otherwise modify GSP coverage. As specified in 15 CFR 2007.1, all product petitions must include a detailed description of the product and the Harmonized Tariff

Schedule (HTS) subheading in which the product is classified.

B. 2001 GSP Annual Country Eligibility Practices Review

Interested parties may submit petitions to have the GSP status of any eligible beneficiary developing country revised with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). Such petitions must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 2007.01(b).

C. Submission of Petitions and Requests

Petitions to modify GSP treatment should be addressed to GSP Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW, Room F220, Washington, DC 20508. An original and fourteen (14) copies of each petition must be submitted in English. If the petition contains business confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with an original and fourteen (14) copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, the submission containing confidential information should be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of each and every page of the submission. Petitions submitted as "business confidential" must conform to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence must conform to 15 CFR 2007.7. The version that does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). Furthermore, interested parties submitting petitions that request action with respect to specific products should list on the first page of the petition the following information: (1) The requested action; (2) the HTS subheading in which the product is classified; and (3) if applicable, the beneficiary country.

All such submissions must conform to the GSP regulations which are set forth in 15 CFR part 2007. The regulations are also included in "A Guide to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)" (August 1991) ("GSP Guide"). Petitioners are strongly advised to review the GSP regulations. Submissions that do not provide all information required by sections 2007.0 and 2007.1 of the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review, except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required. These requirements will be strictly enforced. Petitions with respect to

waivers of the competitive need limitations must meet the information requirements for product addition requests in section 2007.1(c) of the GSP regulations. A model petition format is available from the GSP Subcommittee and is included in the GSP Guide. Petitioners are requested to use this model petition format so as to ensure that all information requirements are met.

Only the public versions of the submissions will be available for public inspection and only by appointment. Appointments to review petitions may be made by contacting Ms. Brenda Webb (Tel. 202/395-6186) of the USTR Public Reading Room. The hours of the Reading Room are 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Chairman, GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection; Proposed Extension; Request for Comments; Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants, and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the extension of a previously approved collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to the Grants Management Division (M-62), Office of The Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ladd Hakes, Grants Management Division (M-62), Office of the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4284.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Uniform Administrative Requirements For Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations.

Forms: SF 269, SF 270, SF 271, SF 272, and SF 424.

OMB Number: 2105-0531.

Expiration Date: June 30, 2001.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Affected Public: Public Schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations receiving Federal financial assistance from DOT.

Abstract: Requirements for Federal administration of financial assistance to schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations is provided to affected Executive agencies via OMB Circular A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations which the Department has codified at 49 CFR part 19. OMB provides management and oversight of the circular. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy (70) annual burden hours per grantee for completion of required forms.

Respondents: State and local governments receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150 (avg. 4 responses per respondent per year).

Average Annual Burden Per Respondent: 70 hours.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 10,500 hours.

These information collections are available for inspection at the Grants Management Division (M-62), Office of Acquisition and Grant Management, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Copies of 49 CFR parts 18 and 19 can be obtained from Mr. Ladd Hakes at the address and phone number shown above.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice, will be summarized and included in the request