

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Inspector General****[Public Notice 3789]****State Department Performance Review Board Members (Office of Inspector General)**

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****African Growth and Opportunity Act
Implementation Subcommittee of the
Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public
Comments on Annual Review of
Country Eligibility for Benefits Under
the African Growth and Opportunity
Act, Title I of the Trade and
Development Act of 2000**

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The African Growth and Opportunity Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (the "Subcommittee") is requesting written public comments for the annual review of the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that must be considered under the AGOA, lists the sub-Saharan African countries that are currently eligible for AGOA, and the sub-Saharan African countries that are currently ineligible for the AGOA. The Subcommittee will consider any such comments in developing recommendations on country eligibility for the President. Comments received related to the child labor criteria may

also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in making the findings required under section 504 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

DATES: The deadline for comments is October 10, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of African Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 501, Washington, DC 20508. Telephone (202) 395-9514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AGOA amends Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*) (the "Trade Act") to authorize the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as eligible for duty-free tariff treatment for certain products under the Generalized System of Preferences program. The AGOA also provides preferential treatment for certain textile and apparel articles of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries that meet certain statutory requirements intended to prevent unlawful transshipment of such articles.

The President may designate a country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country if he determines that the country meets the eligibility criteria set forth in: (1) Section 104 of the AGOA; and (2) section 502 of the Trade Act. To date, 35 countries have been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. These countries, as well as the 14 currently ineligible countries, are listed below. Section 506A of the Trade Act provides that the President shall monitor, review, and report to Congress annually on the progress of each sub-Saharan African country in meeting the foregoing eligibility criteria in order to determine the current or potential eligibility of each country to be designated as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country. The President's determinations are to be included in an annual report submitted to Congress.

The Subcommittee is seeking public comments in connection with the annual review of the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries for the AGOA's benefits. The Subcommittee will consider any such comments in developing recommendations on country eligibility for the President. Comments related to the child labor criteria may also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in making the findings required under section 504 of the Trade Act.

**Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African
Countries**

The following have been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries:

Republic of Benin
Republic of Botswana
Republic of Cameroon
Republic of Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Republic of Chad
Republic of the Congo
Republic of Djibouti
State of Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabonese Republic
Republic of Ghana
Republic of Guinea
Republic of Guinea-Bissau
Republic of Kenya
Kingdom of Lesotho
Republic of Madagascar
Republic of Malawi
Republic of Mali
Islamic Republic of Mauritania
Republic of Mauritius
Republic of Mozambique
Republic of Namibia
Republic of Niger
Federal Republic of Nigeria
Republic of Rwanda
Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
Republic of Senegal
Republic of Seychelles
Republic of Sierra Leone
Republic of South Africa
Kingdom of Swaziland
United Republic of Tanzania
Republic of Uganda
Republic of Zambia

**Non-Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African
Countries**

The following have not been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries:

Republic of Angola
Burkina Faso
Republic of Burundi
Democratic Republic of Congo
Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros
Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
Republic of Equatorial Guinea
Republic of The Gambia
Republic of Liberia
Somalia
Republic of Togo
Republic of Sudan
Republic of Zimbabwe

Submission of Written Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit comments regarding the continued eligibility of countries and the potential designation as beneficiaries of countries currently not eligible for AGOA benefits. All