

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-372 .....	2,000	1	2	67

6. *Protecting the Public and Our Personnel To Ensure Operational Effectiveness (RIN 0960-AH35), Regulation 3729I—20 CFR 422.905, 422.906–0960–0796.*

### Background

When members of the public demonstrate disruptive, violent, or threatening actions or behavior toward SSA employees, the agency takes measures to ensure the safety of everyone involved, including banning such individuals from appearing in person at any of our field offices. In lieu of in-person office visits, the agency provides services to banned individuals through alternate methods, including our 800 number, online applications, mail services, or, in limited circumstances, face-to-face services by

appointment with additional security present.

On September 2, 2011, the agency published regulations and notifications processes for the ban decision at 76 FR 54700. We are currently requesting full approval for the public reporting burdens from the interim final rules. We previously obtained emergency OMB approval for these burdens.

### Information Collection Description

The interim final ban decision rules contain two public reporting burdens:

- 20 CFR 422.905—after SSA issues a ban decision against an individual, the individual has 60 days to appeal the determination. Individuals must submit a written appeal stating why they believe SSA should rescind the ban and allow them to conduct business with us on a face-to-face basis in one of our offices. There is no printed form for this

request; banned individuals create their own written statement of appeal, and submit it to a sole decision-maker in the regional office of the region where the ban originated. The individuals may also provide additional documentation to support their appeal.

- 20 CFR 422.906—three years after the original ban decision, banned individuals may re-submit a written appeal of the determination. The same criteria apply as for the original appeal: (1) It must be in writing; (2) it must go to a sole decision-maker in the regional office of the region where the ban originated for review; and (3) it may accompany supporting documentation.

Respondents for this collection are individuals appealing their banning from SSA field offices.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulation section	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
20 CFR 422.905 .....	75	1	15	19
20 CFR 422.906 .....	75	1	20	25
Totals .....	150	.....	.....	44

Dated: December 21, 2012.

**Paul Kryglik,**

*Director Office of Regulations & Report,  
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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the Disposition of a Product Petition From the 2011 GSP Annual Product Review and the Acceptance of Product Petitions for the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces (1) the disposition of a petition on certain pinch-seal plastic bags, accepted in the 2011 GSP Annual Product Review, and (2) those petitions submitted in connection with the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review which have been accepted for further review. This notice also sets forth the schedule for submitting comments and for public hearings associated with the 2012 review of petitions and products.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Room 422, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395–6971, the fax number is (202) 395–9674, and the email address is [Tameka\\_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov).

**DATES:** The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) provide the schedule of dates

for conducting an annual review, unless otherwise specified in a notice published in the **Federal Register**. The schedule for the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review is set forth below. Notification of any other changes will be published in the **Federal Register**.

February 14, 2013—Comments, pre-hearing briefs, and requests to appear at the GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review are due by 5 p.m.

February 28, 2013—GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on all proposed or petitioned product additions and competitive need limitation (CNL) waiver petitions accepted for the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review. See “Notice of Public Hearing” below for further details.

March 28, 2013—Submission of post-hearing comments or briefs in

connection with the GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing are due by 5 p.m.

April 2013—The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) is expected to release the public version of its statutorily-mandated report providing advice on the probable economic effect of the prospective addition of products and granting of CNL waiver petitions considered as part of the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review. Comments on the USITC report on these products should be submitted via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket Number USTR–2012–0013, per the guidelines described below, within 10 calendar days after the date of USITC's publication of the public version of the report.

July 1, 2013—Effective date for any modifications that the President proclaims to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting from the 2012 Annual Product Review and for determinations related to CNL waivers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, et seq.), as amended, and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

#### **Disposition of a Petition Requesting Modification of Product Eligibility From the 2011 Annual GSP Review**

In the 2011 Annual Review, the Administration deferred a decision on the final disposition of a petition to add certain pinch-seal plastic bags (categorized under subheading 3923.21.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)) to the list of products eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP. The review of this petition has now concluded, and the Administration has decided to deny the petition. As a result, there will be no change to the current status of this product under GSP.

#### **Petitions Requesting Modifications of Product Eligibility for the 2012 Annual GSP Review**

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2012, USTR announced the initiation of the 2012 GSP Annual Review and indicated that the deadline for petitions to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program was October 5, 2012, and the deadline for petitions to waive CNLs on imports

of certain products from specific beneficiary countries was November 21, 2012 (77 FR 44704).

The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff committee (TPSC) has reviewed the product and CNL waiver petitions submitted in response to this announcement, and has decided to accept for review petitions to add four products to the list of those eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP and petitions to waive CNLs for 12 products from certain countries. The accepted product addition petitions are for the following products, listed by HTS number:

- 0603.11.00—Fresh cut sweetheart, and spray roses
- 0710.80.97—Frozen vegetables not otherwise listed, including frozen broccoli
- 2005.99.80—Artichokes, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
- 7408.19.0030—Refined copper, wire, w/maximum cross-sectional dimension of 6 mm or less

The accepted petitions to waive CNLs relate to the following products listed by HTS number and countries:

- 0410.00.00—Miscellaneous edible products of animal origin (Indonesia)
- 0603.13.00—Cut orchids (Thailand)
- 1102.90.25—Rice flour (Thailand)
- 2106.90.99—Miscellaneous prepared foods (Thailand)
- 6911.10.37—Porcelain or china table and kitchenware (Indonesia)
- 7202.21.50—Ferrosilicon with between 55% and 80% of silicon by weight (Russia)
- 7202.30.00—Ferrosilicon manganese (Georgia)
- 7202.99.20—Calcium silicon ferroalloys (Brazil)
- 7307.21.50—Certain stainless steel flanges for pipes (India)
- 7307.91.50—Certain iron or steel flanges for pipes (India)
- 7408.29.10—Copper plates, sheets, and strip (Thailand)
- 9506.70.40—Ice skates (Thailand)

A list of all the CNL petitions and products accepted for review is posted on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-review> under the title “Petitions Accepted in the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review.” This list can also be found at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket Number USTR–2012–0013. No other petitions to modify the list of products eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to grant CNL waivers have been accepted for the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review. Acceptance of a

petition for review does not indicate any opinion with respect to the disposition on the merits of the petition.

Acceptance indicates only that the subject petition has been found eligible for review by the TPSC and that such review will take place.

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of or in opposition to any product or petition that has been accepted for the 2012 GSP Annual Product Review. The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC will also convene a public hearing on these products and petitions. See below for information on how to submit a request to testify at this hearing.

#### **Requirements for Submissions**

Submissions in response to this notice (including requests to testify, written comments, and pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs) must be submitted by the applicable deadlines set forth in this notice. All submissions must be made in English and submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using docket number USTR–2012–0013. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR–2012–0013 in the “Search for” field on the home page and click “Search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” in the “Filter Results by” section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled “Comment Now.” The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site offers the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type Comment” field or by attaching a document using the “Upload file(s)” field. The Subcommittee prefers that submissions be provided in an attached document and that, in such cases, that parties note “See attached” in the “Type Comment” field on the online submission form. At the beginning of the submission, or on the first page (if an attachment) should be the following text (in bold and underlined): (1) “2012 GSP Annual Review;” (2) the product description, and related HTS tariff number; and (3) whether the document is a “Written Comment,” “Notice of Intent to Testify,” “Pre-hearing brief,” or a “Post-hearing brief.” Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. Any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Each submitter will receive a submission tracking number upon

completion of the submissions procedure at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The tracking number will be the submitter's confirmation that the submission was received into <http://www.regulations.gov>. The confirmation should be kept for the submitter's records. USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for the Web site. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions may not be considered in this review. If an interested party is unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact the GSP Program at USTR to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

#### Business Confidential Submissions

An interested party requesting that information contained in a submission be treated as business confidential information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such. The submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and the submission should indicate, via brackets, the specific information that is confidential. Additionally, "Business Confidential" must be included in the "Type Comment" field. For any submission containing business confidential information, a non-confidential version must be submitted separately (*i.e.*, not as part of the same submission with the confidential version), indicating where confidential information has been redacted. The non-confidential version will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

#### Notice of Public Hearing

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC will hold a hearing on products and petitions accepted for the 2012 GSP Annual Review beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F St. NW., Washington, DC 20508. The hearing will be open to the public, and a transcript of the hearing will be made available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) within approximately two weeks of the hearing. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit, following the above "Requirements for Submissions," the name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available), of the witness(es) representing their

organization to William D. Jackson, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for GSP. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or summary statement, in English, and must be received by 5 p.m., February 14, 2013. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit, in English, pre-hearing briefs or statements and post-hearing written briefs or statements in accordance with the "Requirements for Submissions" above and by the above listed due dates. Public versions of all documents relating to the 2012 Annual Review will be made available for public viewing in docket USTR-2012-0013 at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) upon completion of processing and no later than one week after the due date.

**William D. Jackson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2010-0144]

#### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 26, 2012, the Akron Barberton Cluster Railway (AB) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of its waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal hours of service laws contained at 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0144.

In its petition, AB seeks relief from 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part requires a train employee to receive 48 hours off duty after initiating an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days. Specifically, AB seeks an extension of the waiver to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. In support of the request, AB explained that it has eight train employees with set hours and set days off. Additionally, AB employees do not

layover at away-from-home locations, and the total time performing service for the railroad with the additional day is well below the 276-hour monthly maximum allowed. Finally, AB submitted its work schedules, all of which reflect five 7-hour work days, followed by the same 2 consecutive days off each week.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by February 11, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78), or online at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html>.