

the public in filing petitions and comments—see https://www.usitc.gov/trade_tariffs/mtb_program_information. Highlights of the filing procedures are presented below only as an overview; persons who are considering filing comments should consult the Commission's rules, handbook, and other materials.

Who may file. As provided for in the Act and in the Commission's rules, any member of the public may file comments. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving comments from domestic producers about whether they produce an article that is identical to, or like or directly competitive with, an article that is the subject of a petition for a duty suspension or reduction, and, if they do, whether they object to such a duty suspension or reduction. The Commission is also interested in receiving comments from individuals and entities who believe that they would be a likely beneficiary of a particular duty suspension or reduction, or who, having been named in the petition or another comment as a likely beneficiary, wish to state that they would not be a likely beneficiary of a particular duty suspension or reduction. The Act defines "likely beneficiary" to mean "an individual or entity likely to utilize, or benefit directly from the utilization of, an article that is the subject of a petition for a duty suspension or reduction."

Petitioning parties may also submit comments. However, the Commission will not consider any comments that seek to amend a petition that the submitter previously filed.

Method for filing. Comments concerning petitions must be filed electronically via the Commission's designated secure web portal and in the format designated by the Commission in that portal. The portal contains a series of prompts and links that will assist persons in providing the required information. The Commission will not accept comments submitted in paper or in any other form or format. Comments, including any attachments thereto, must otherwise comply with the Commission's rules as further explained in the Commission's Handbook on MTB Filing Procedures. Persons seeking to comment on more than one petition must submit a separate comment for each petition.

Persons filing comments should be prepared to complete their entire comment when they enter the portal because the portal will not allow them to edit, amend, or complete the comment at a later time. Accordingly, a person filing a comment should have all

required information in hand when they enter the portal to begin the formal filing process. A list of all the information required to complete a comment may be found in the Commission's Before You File a Comment guide, which is located on the the Commission's MTB information page at https://www.usitc.gov/trade_tariffs/mtb_program_information.

Time for filing. To be considered, comments must be filed no earlier than the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register** and no later than the close of business (5:15 p.m. EST) on February 24, 2020. Consistent with the Act, the Commission will not accept comments filed after that time and date.

Amendment and withdrawal of comments. The Commission's secure web portal will not allow a person who has formally submitted a comment to amend that comment. Instead, that person must withdraw the original comment and file a new comment that incorporates the changes. The new comment must be filed within the 45-day period designated for submitting comments (*i.e.*, before 5:15 p.m. EST on February 24, 2020).

Comments containing confidential business information. The portal will permit persons submitting comments to claim that certain information should be treated either as confidential business information or as information protected from disclosure under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, (*e.g.*, a home address). In the absence of a claim that such information should be so treated, the Commission will disclose the information to the public when it posts the comments and attachments on the Commission's website. See further information below on possible disclosure of confidential business information.

Confidential Business Information. The Commission will not release information that the Commission considers to be confidential business information within the meaning of § 201.6(a) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6) unless the party submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that such information would be released by the Commission, or such party subsequently consents to the release of the information.

Confidential business information submitted to the Commission in comments may be disclosed to or used by (1) the Commission in calculating the estimated revenue loss required under the Act, which may be based in whole or in part on the estimated values of imports submitted in comments, as well

as by petitioners in their petitions; or (2) the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel (a) in processing petitions and comments and preparing reports under the Act or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission, including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (3) Commerce, for use in preparing its report to the Commission and the Committees, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and CBP, for use in providing information for that report; or (4) U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes, subject to the requirement that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

By order of the Commission.

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William Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The following public hearing on proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Procedure has been canceled: Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Civil Rules Hearing on January 27, 2020, in Phoenix, AZ.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Announcements for this hearing were previously published in 84 FR 42951.

Dated: January 7, 2020.

Rebecca A. Womeldorf,
Rules Committee Secretary.

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