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The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

John Fay,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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U.S.—CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—September 6–7, 2007, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, NC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Chapel Hill, NC, at the University of North Carolina on September 6–7, 2007 on “*North Carolina: China’s Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers.*”

Background

This event is the seventh in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2007 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and from the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The September 6–7 hearing is being conducted to examine the impacts of Chinese exports on North Carolina’s traditional clothing, textile, and furniture industries; the

effectiveness of North Carolina’s proactive measures to mitigate and adapt to Chinese competition; and to consider feedback and opinions from the people of North Carolina.

The hearing, entitled “*North Carolina: China’s Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers.*” will be co-chaired by Commissioners Jeffrey Fiedler and Dennis Shea.

Open Microphone Session for Public Comment: The hearing on Friday, September 7, 2007, will conclude with a discussion on the community impact of economic dislocations with an “open” microphone session for interested members of the public to voice their views. Registration for the open microphone session begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 7th with sign up available in the hearing room. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each participant.

Information on this hearing, including a detailed hearing agenda and information about panelists, will be made available on the Commission’s Web site prior to the hearing date. Detailed information about the Commission, the texts of its annual reports and hearing records, and the products of research it has commissioned can be found on the Commission’s Web site at www.uscc.gov.

Any interested party may file a written statement by September 6, 2007, by mailing to the contact below.

Date and Time: Thursday, September 6, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, September 7, 2007, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at www.uscc.gov in the near future.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held in The Kenan Conference Center, Room 204 at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill campus on Skipper Bowles Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27599–1550. Public seating is limited to approximately 150 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1409, or via e-mail at kmichels@uscc.gov.

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: August 20, 2007.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Determinations Concerning Illnesses Discussed in National Academy of Sciences Report on Gulf War and Health

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, under the authority granted by the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, title XVI, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), has determined not to establish a presumption of service connection at this time, based on exposure to insecticides or solvents during service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War, for any of the diseases, illnesses, or health effects discussed in the February 18, 2003, report of the National Academy of Sciences, titled “Gulf War and Health, Volume 2. Insecticides and Solvents.” This determination does not in any way preclude VA from granting service connection for any disease, including those specifically discussed in this notice, nor does it change any existing rights or procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Barrans, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273–6332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Statutory Requirements

The Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, title XVI, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), and the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Public Law 105–368, 112 Stat. 3315, directed the Secretary to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to review and evaluate the available scientific evidence regarding associations between illnesses and exposure to toxic agents, environmental or wartime hazards, or preventive medicines or vaccines to which service members may have been exposed during