

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD.; Notice of Receipt of Application for Design Certification of the US-APWR**

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has received an application from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI), Ltd. Dated December 31, 2007, filed pursuant to section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 52, for standard design certification of the US-APWR Standard Plant Design.

The US-APWR design is an approximately 1,700 megawatts electric, four-loop, advanced pressurized water reactor (APWR). MHI developed the US-APWR based on technologies for a 1,538 megawatts electric APWR planned for use in Japan. The US-APWR is based on the latest technologies to improve plant efficiency, reduce plant building volume, and provide a 24-month fuel cycle. The US-APWR application includes the entire power generation complex, except those elements and features considered site-specific. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing and other matters relating to the requested rulemaking pursuant to 10 CFR 52.51 for design certification, including provisions for participation of the public and other parties, will be the subject of subsequent **Federal Register** notices.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for the application is ML080020070. Future publicly available documents related to the application will also be posted in ADAMS. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter

problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the Initiation of Child Labor Review in the Production of Certain GSP-Eligible Hand-Loomed or Hand-Hooked Carpets**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The 2004 Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act (H.R. 1047) (the "2004 Act"), as approved by Congress, authorized the President to designate seven tariff lines relating to carpets (5702.51.20 (now 5702.50.20), 5702.91.30, 5702.92.00 (now 5702.92.10), 5702.99.10 (now 5702.99.05), 5703.10.00 (now 5703.10.20), 5703.20.10, and 5703.30.00 (now 5703.30.20)) as eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program. These tariff lines cover certain hand-loomed or hand-hooked carpets and other textile floor coverings made of wool, cotton, fine animal hair, or man-made textile materials. Pursuant to the authorization in the 2004 Act, the President designated these seven tariff lines as eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program. The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is conducting a triennial review of whether each beneficiary country is taking steps to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, including the use of bonded child labor, in the production of such carpets imported under the U.S. GSP program. If sufficient steps are not underway, the TPSC will recommend to the President changes in GSP coverage that would eliminate from duty-free treatment under the GSP program those carpets found to be made with the worst forms of child labor.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC, Office

of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In connection with the President's designation of seven carpet tariff lines as GSP eligible articles, the GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC is reviewing whether each beneficiary country that supplies the identified hand-loomed or hand-hooked carpets under the GSP program is taking sufficient steps to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, including the use of bonded child labor, in the production of these items. The top suppliers of these carpet tariff lines under the GSP program to the United States in 2006 (the most recent year for which full-year data are available) were: India, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt, Turkey, South Africa, and Nepal.

Upon a finding during the review that a country is not taking steps to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, including the use of bonded child labor, in production of certain hand-loomed or hand-hooked carpets imported under the U.S. GSP Program, the TPSC will recommend changes in the GSP coverage that would eliminate those carpets from duty-free treatment under the GSP program. The review will be repeated at three-year intervals.

For purposes of this review, the term "worst forms of child labor" means (19 U.S.C. 2467(6)) (A) All forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery, such as the sale or trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom, or forced or compulsory labor, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict;

(B) The use, procuring, or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic purposes;

(C) The use, procuring, or offering of a child for illicit activities in particular for the production and trafficking of drugs; and

(D) Work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety, or morals of children.

The work referred to in subparagraph (D) shall be determined by the laws, regulations, or competent authority of the beneficiary developing country involved.

**Opportunities for Public Comment and Inspection of Comments:** The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments for this review. Submissions should comply with 15 CFR Part 2007, except as modified below. All

submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the country and the eight-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States subheading number. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2008.

**Requirements for Submissions:** In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR requires electronic e-mail submissions in response to this notice. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. These submissions should be single-copy transmissions in English, and including attachments, with the total submission not to exceed 25 single-spaced standard letter-size pages in 12-point type and three megabytes as sent as a digital file attached to an e-mail transmission. E-mail submissions should use the following subject line: "Child Labor Review in the Production of Certain GSP-Eligible Hand-loomed or Hand-hooked Carpet Lines" followed by the country and the eight-digit HTSUS subheading number. Documents must be submitted in English in one of the following formats: WordPerfect (.WPD), Adobe (.PDF), MSWord (.DOC), or text (.TXT) files. Documents cannot be submitted as electronic image files or contain embedded images, e.g., ".JPG", ".TIF", ".BMP", or ".GIF". Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Excel files, formatted for printing on 8½ x 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential submission must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The non-confidential version must also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "PUBLIC VERSION" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL"). Documents that are submitted without any marking might not be accepted or will be considered public documents.

For any document containing business confidential information submitted as an electronic attached file to an e-mail transmission, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the party (government,

company, union, association, etc.) which is making the submission.

E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself, including the sender's name, organization name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. The e-mail address for these submissions is [FR0081@USTR.EOP.GOV](mailto:FR0081@USTR.EOP.GOV). (**Note:** The letters "FR" in the e-mail address are followed by the number, zero, not a letter. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions might not be considered in this review. If unable to provide submissions by e-mail, please contact the GSP Subcommittee to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.)

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review approximately two weeks after the relevant due date by appointment in the USTR public reading room, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. Appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 395-6186.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Extension of the iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund (IWM) Option Pilot Program

January 14, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described

in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared substantially by the Exchange. On January 8, 2008, CBOE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.<sup>5</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend an existing pilot program that increases the position and exercise limits for options on the iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund ("IWM options") traded on the Exchange ("IWM Option Pilot Program"). The text of the proposed rule change is available at <http://www.cboe.org/Legal>, the Exchange's principal office, and the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The IWM Option Pilot Program provides for increased position and exercise limits for IWM options traded on the Exchange.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the IWM

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>5</sup> CBOE gave the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change on November 28, 2007.

<sup>6</sup> The proposal that established the IWM Option Pilot Program was effective and operative upon filing. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55176 (January 25, 2007), 72 FR 4741 (February 1, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2007-08). The IWM Option Pilot Program was extended, and is due to expire on January 18, 2008. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55926 (June 20, 2007), 72 FR 35275 (June 27, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2007-61).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.