

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. USTR-2008-0036]

**Additional Delay in Modification of
Action Taken in Connection with WTO
Dispute Settlement Proceedings on the
European Communities' Ban on
Imports of U.S. Beef and Beef Products**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and modification of action.

SUMMARY: On January 15, 2009, the United States Trade Representative ("Trade Representative") announced modifications ("January 15 modifications") to the action taken in July 1999 in connection with the World Trade Organization ("WTO") authorization of the United States in the *EC-Beef Hormones* dispute to suspend concessions and related obligations with respect to the European Communities ("EC"). See 74 FR 4265 (Jan. 23, 2009). The January 15 modifications initially had an effective date of March 23, 2009. The Trade Representative subsequently delayed the effective date of the additional duties imposed under the January 15 modifications until April 23, 2009, and then to May 9, 2009. The effective date of the removal of duties under the January 15 modifications remained March 23, 2009. See 74 FR 11613 (March 18, 2009); 74 FR 12402 (March 24, 2009); 74 FR 19263 (April 28, 2009). On May 6, 2009, the United States and the European Commission announced an "agreement in principle" regarding the dispute. The first phase of the agreement provides that the United States will not apply retaliatory duties greater than those currently in effect. In order to allow time to complete the procedures under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act), that are needed to prevent the application of the additional duties under the January 15 modifications, the Trade Representative has decided to delay the effective date of the additional duties from May 9, 2009 to August 15, 2009.

DATES: Effective Date: The additional duties under the January 15 modifications shall be effective with respect to products that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 15, 2009. However, assuming the agreement in principle enters into force, USTR intends to take further steps under the Trade Act to prevent the application of the additional duties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Wentzel, Director, Agricultural

Affairs, (202) 395-6127 or David Weiner, Director for the European Union, (202) 395-4620 for questions concerning the *EC-Beef Hormones* dispute; or William Busis, Associate General Counsel and Chair of the Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-3150, for questions concerning procedures under Section 301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background concerning the *EC-Beef Hormones* WTO dispute; the January 15 modifications; and the prior delays in the effective date of the modifications, see 74 FR 4265 (Jan. 23, 2009), 74 FR 11613 (March 18, 2009), 74 FR 12402 (March 24, 2009), and 74 FR 19263 (April 28, 2009).

Pursuant to Section 305 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Trade Representative has determined that a further delay in implementation of the January 15 modifications would be desirable to obtain a satisfactory solution with respect to the EC's ban on U.S. beef. Accordingly, the Trade Representative has decided to delay the effective date of the additional duties imposed under the January 15 modifications from May 9, 2009 to August 15, 2009. The actions to be delayed are: (i) The imposition of increased duties on additional products, (ii) the application to products of additional EC member States of the increased duties on currently covered products, and (iii) the increase in the level of duties on one of the products that is being maintained on the product list. These are the same actions that were previously delayed until May 9, 2009.

The increased duties under the January 15 modifications are set out in Annex II of the notice published at 74 FR 12402 (March 24, 2009), as modified by the notice published at 74 FR 19263 (April 28, 2009). In order to delay the effective date of the increased duties until August 15, 2009, the Trade Representative has decided that the modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States that are contained in Parts A and B of Annex II shall be effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after August 15, 2009. Any merchandise covered under Part B of Annex II of the notice published at 74 FR 12402 that is admitted to a U.S. foreign-trade zone on or after August 15, 2009 must be admitted in "privileged foreign status" as defined in 19 CFR 146.41, unless further steps are taken under the Trade Act with respect to these products. Questions concerning customs matters may be directed to Renee Chovanec, International Coordination, Office of

International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 202-863-6384.

William Busis,

Chair, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2009-0044]

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping
Requirements; Agency Information
Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 12, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Please identify the proposed collection of information for a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Sean H. McLaurin, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W55-123, NVS-420, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. McLaurin's telephone number is (202) 366-4800. Please identify the relevant collection of