

the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to DTC. In particular, the Commission believes the proposal is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(A) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> which requires that a registered clearing agency is so organized and has the capacity to be able to facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions. As explained in the notice of the proposed rule filing,<sup>7</sup> DTC reviewed late redemption announcement data as it related to conventional municipal bonds and concluded that it will still have a sufficient amount of time to react to and process the redemption announcement if it were to modify the Publication Date from “no fewer than 30 calendar days” to “no fewer than 20 calendar days” prior to the redemption or advance refunding. Therefore, this rule change should not adversely affect DTC’s ability to facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions because DTC should continue to have sufficient time to communicate details of redemptions and refundings to other securities intermediaries.

## V. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular Section 17A of the Act<sup>8</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-DTC-2009-13) be and hereby is approved.<sup>10</sup>

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Determination Pursuant to the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009, Related to the Provision of Military Assistance in Support of a Southern Sudan Security Sector Transformation Program

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, including Section 7070(b)(5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009 (Div. H, Pub. L. 111-8), and Delegation of Authority 245-1, I hereby determine that the provision to the Government of Southern Sudan of non-lethal military assistance, military education and training, and defense services controlled under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations is in the national interest of the United States, and that such assistance may be provided pursuant to section 7070(b)(5).

This determination shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 15, 2009.

**Jacob J. Lew,**

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the Filing of Petitions Requesting Competitive Need Limitations (CNL) Waivers for the 2009 GSP Annual Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice affirms the previously announced deadline of November 17, 2009, for submission of petitions requesting: (1) Competitive Need Limitation (CNL) waivers; and (2) determinations regarding eligible products not produced in the United States on January 1, 1995. The list of petitions for such CNL waivers and determinations that are accepted for review, along with the date of public hearing, receipt of comments, and availability of U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) advice, will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of

the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971, the fax number is (202) 395-2961, and the e-mail address is [Tameka\\_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov).

**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 (the “1974 Act”), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

### Competitive Need Limitations, Including Determinations of Eligible Products Not Produced in the United States as of January 1, 1995

Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two competitive need limitations (CNLs). When the President determines that a beneficiary developing country exported to the United States during a calendar year either: (1) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that year (\$140 million for 2009), or (2) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (the “50-percent CNL”), the President must terminate GSP duty-free treatment for that article from that beneficiary developing country by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year.

### Petitions To Waive the Competitive Needs Limitations

However, Section 503(d) of the 1974 Act sets forth the criteria under which the President may grant a waiver of the CNL for articles imported from specific beneficiary developing countries. (These limitations do not apply, by statute, either to least-developed beneficiary developing countries or AGOA beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries.) In addition, Section 503(c)(2)(E) of the 1974 Act provides that the 50-percent CNL shall not apply with respect to any eligible article if a like or directly competitive article was not produced in the United States on January 1, 1995.

Product petitions requesting CNL waivers for GSP-eligible articles from beneficiary developing countries that exceed the CNLs in 2009 must be filed in the 2009 Annual Review by November 17, 2009, in the manner

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7</sup> *Supra* note 3.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>10</sup> In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal’s impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).