

Computation

Under the formula, the election official and election worker coverage threshold amount for 2011 shall be equal to the 1999 amount of \$1,000 multiplied by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2009 to that for 1997. If the amount so determined is not a multiple of \$100, it shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.

Election Official and Election Worker Coverage Threshold Amount

Multiplying the 1999 coverage threshold amount (\$1,000) by the ratio of the national average wage index for 2009 (\$40,934.93) to that for 1997 (\$27,426.00) produces the amount of \$1,492.56. We then round this amount to \$1,500. Accordingly, the election official and election worker coverage threshold amount is \$1,500 for 2011.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security-Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security-Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security-Survivors Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income)

Michael J. Astrue,
Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7215]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: R/PPR Evaluation and Measurement Unit, Evaluation Survey Question Bank

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* R/PPR Evaluation and Measurement Unit Survey Question Bank.

- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs' Office of Policy, Planning and Resources Evaluation and Measurement Unit (R/PPR EMU).

- *Form Number:* Survey numbers generated as needed.

- *Respondents:* Participants in Public Diplomacy (PD) programs, selected users of PD products and services, and others engaged in Department of State Public Diplomacy efforts.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,000 annually.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 40,000 annually.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes per response.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 20,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from October 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* DullesJF@state.gov.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Juliet Dulles, R/PPR EMU 2200 C Street, NW., SA-5 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Juliet Dulles, R/PPR EMU 2200 C Street, NW., SA-5 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037, who may be reached on 202-632-3344 or at DullesJF@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

This generic collection is for performance measurement, program evaluation, customer satisfaction and attitudinal evaluation surveys. Included in this collection are questions designed to measure and evaluate the performance of programs, products and services provided by the Bureau of International Information Programs

(IIP), and the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Office of Policy, Planning and Resources (R/PPR). Survey respondents include participants in PD programs, selected users of PD products and services, and others engaged in Department of State efforts.

Methodology

95% of the data collection conducted by R/PPR EMU uses electronic collection methodologies except when the infrastructure of the foreign country does not permit electronic data collection, or when data are being collected through focus groups. Technology is used in nearly every survey in which safety, security, programmatic, cultural or political concerns are not of sufficient magnitude to pose a negative impact on the respondent. Survey instruments are distributed via web-based or e-mail technology in PDF format, allowing the respondent to complete the survey and return it anytime during the survey period.

Additional Information

None.

Dated: October 15, 2010.

Cherreka Montgomery,
Director, R/PPR EMU, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the 2010 Annual Product Review: Acceptance of Product Petitions

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in connection with the 2010 GSP Annual Review to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program ("2010 GSP Annual Product Review"). This notice announces the petitions accepted for review and sets the date of the public hearing and schedule for submitting comments on the petitions, requests to participate in the public hearing, pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs, and comments on the U.S. International Trade Commission's (USITC) report on probable economic effects. The petitions accepted for review are listed below. More information on these petitions can

be found at: <http://www.ustr.gov/node/6058> and at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket Number USTR–2010–0017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tameka Cooper, GSP Program, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395–6971, the fax number is (202) 395–9674, and the e-mail address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

DATES: The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified in a notice published in the **Federal Register**. The schedule for the 2010 GSP Annual Product Review is set forth below. Notice of any other changes will be published in the **Federal Register**.

November 18, 2010—Due date for submission of pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on all product petitions accepted for the 2010 GSP Annual Product Review.

November 30, 2010—GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on all product petitions accepted for the 2010 GSP Annual Product Review, to be held in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20508, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

December 13, 2010—Due date for submission of product petition post-hearing briefs.

February 2011—The USITC is scheduled to issue a confidential report to USTR providing advice on the potential impacts on U.S. industry and consumers based on the product petitions accepted in the 2010 GSP Annual Product Review. USTR has directed USITC to then publish a public version of that report as soon as possible. Comments on that public version are due 10 calendar days after the date of USITC's publication of that version.

June 30, 2011—Modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting from the 2010 Annual Review will be announced on or about June 30, 2011, in the **Federal Register**, and any changes will take effect on the effective date announced. Notification of any changes to this date will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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.

Petitions Requesting Modifications of Product Eligibility

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2010 (75 FR 41274), USTR announced that the deadline for the filing of product petitions, other than those requesting waivers of “competitive need limitations” (CNLs), for the 2010 GSP Annual Review was August 3, 2010. The deadline for the filing of product petitions requesting waivers of the CNLs was announced to be November 16, 2010.

The product petitions that were received in response to this notice requested modifications to the list of GSP-eligible products by adding new products for eligibility from all GSP beneficiaries, or by removing products from eligibility when imported from all or from specific GSP-eligible countries. The interagency GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has reviewed the product petitions, and the TPSC has decided to accept for review the following product petitions:

(1) A petition submitted by Exxel Outdoors, Inc., of Haleyville, Alabama for withdrawal from GSP eligibility of certain types of sleeping bags (9404.30.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS)); and

(2) A petition submitted by the Pressure Sensitive Tape Council of Naperville, Illinois, and others, for withdrawal from GSP eligibility, from Indonesia only, of two types of self-adhesive plastic tape (HTS 3919.10.20 and 3919.10.50).

More information on these two petitions can be found in “List of Petitions Accepted in the 2010 GSP Annual Product Review” posted on the USTR Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov/node/6058>) and available on Regulations.gov docket number USTR–2010–0017. That list sets forth, for each type of change requested: the case number, the HTS subheading number(s), a brief description of the product (see the HTS available on the U.S. International Trade Commission Web site <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/> for an authoritative description), and the petitioner for each petition included in this review. Acceptance of a petition for review does not indicate any opinion with respect to the disposition on the merits of the petition. Acceptance indicates only that the listed petitions have been found eligible for review by

the TPSC and that such review will take place.

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites interested persons to testify at the public hearing, based on receipt of requests to testify, and comments in support of or in opposition to any petition which has been accepted for the 2010 GSP Annual Product 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 case number and eight-digit HTS subheading number, if applicable, as shown in the “List of Petitions Accepted in the 2010 GSP Product Annual Review” referenced above.

Requirements for Submissions

Submissions in response to this notice (including requests to testify, written comments, and pre-hearing briefs) must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2010, or by 5 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2010 (post-hearing briefs and statements only) using <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR–2010–0017. Instructions for submitting business confidential versions are provided below. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. Submissions must be submitted in the English language to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee, Trade Policy Staff Committee, by the applicable deadlines set forth in this notice.

To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR–2010–0017 on the home page in the “Enter keyword or ID” field on the right side of the screen. The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Locate the reference to this notice by selecting “Notices” under “Document Type”. In the results table below, click on the “Send a Comment” balloon that corresponds to this notice. Follow the instructions given on the screen to submit the comment. The <http://www.regulations.gov> website offers the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type Comment” field or by attaching a document. While both options are acceptable, USTR prefers submissions in the form of an attachment.

Comments must be in the English language, with the total submission not to exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. Any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Any person or party making a submission is strongly advised to review the GSP regulations and GSP Guidebook (both of which are available at: <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp/gsp-program-inf>)

Business Confidential Submissions

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such, the submission must be marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and the submission should indicate, via brackets, the specific information that is confidential. Additionally, "Business Confidential" must be included in the "Type Comment & Upload File" field. Submit your Business Confidential version as a separate document from the public version. Anyone submitting a comment containing business confidential information must also submit as a separate submission a non-confidential version of the confidential submission, indicating where confidential information has been redacted. The non-confidential version will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

Notice of Public Hearing

A hearing will be held by the GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, for product petitions accepted for the 2010 GSP Annual Review (*i.e.*, for product petitions other than those requesting CNL waivers) beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20508. The hearing will be open to the public, and a transcript of the hearing will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit, consistent with the "Requirements for Submissions" set out above, the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address (if available), of the witness(es) representing their organization to William Jackson, Chair of the GSP Subcommittee, by 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2010. Requests to present

oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in the English language, and also must be received by 5 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2010. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five-minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing briefs or statements will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted, in the English language, by 5 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2010, consistent with the "Requirements for Submissions" set out above. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit pre-hearing briefs or statements, in the English language, by 5 p.m., November 18, 2010, and post-hearing written briefs or statements, in the English language, by 5 p.m., December 13, 2010, also in accordance with the "Requirements for Submissions" set out above.

Receipt of Advice From the USITC

With respect to the petitions for removal included in the "List of Product Petitions Accepted in the 2010 GSP Annual Review," and in accordance with authority delegated to the U.S. Trade Representative by the President, the U.S. Trade Representative has requested, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, that the USITC provide its advice on the probable economic effect of such removals on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on total U.S. imports and U.S. consumers. Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review (other than those requesting CNL waivers) should be submitted to USTR by 5 p.m., 10 calendar days after the date of USITC publication of the public version of its report.

William D. Jackson,

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Generalized System of Preferences, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending October 8, 2010

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under subpart B (formerly subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations. (*See* 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*).

The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2010-0246.

Date Filed: October 5, 2010.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: October 26, 2010.

Description: Application of Kuwait Airways Corporation requesting a foreign air carrier permit and exemption authority to provide foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Kuwait and the United States to the full extent allowed by the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the State of Kuwait.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2010-0254.

Date Filed: October 8, 2010.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: October 29, 2010.

Description: Application of Swiss International Air Lines Ltd. ("Swiss") requesting issuance of an amended foreign air carrier permit to the full extent authorized by the Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and The Swiss Confederation to conduct: (i) Scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind Switzerland via Switzerland and intermediate points to any point or points in the United States and beyond; (ii) all-cargo service between the United States and any point or points; and (iii) other foreign air transportation of persons, property and