

or electronically through the eRulemaking Portal. If more than three (3) pages, 20 paper copies of written materials must be sent to the address below by commercial delivery. If you have access to the internet and wish to make a comment of three or fewer pages regarding this Public Notice, please use the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see below). Our adoption of this procedure facilitates public participation, implements Section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002, Public Law 107-347, 116 Stat. 2915, and supports the Department of State's "Greening Diplomacy" initiative which aims to reduce the State Department's environmental footprint and reduce costs. Please note that *comments by fax or by email will no longer be accepted*.

Please submit comments only one time.

- **Regular Mail or Commercial Delivery.** Cultural Heritage Center (ECA/P/C), SA-5, Fifth Floor, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

- **Hand Delivery.** Cultural Heritage Center (ECA/P/C), Department of State, 2200 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505.

- **Electronic Delivery.** To submit comments electronically, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>), enter the Docket No. DOS-2011-0135 for Cyprus or Docket No. DOS-2011-0136 for Peru, and follow the prompts to submit a comment. For further information, see <http://exchanges.state.gov/heritage/whatsnew.html>.

Are Comments Private? No. Comments submitted in electronic form will be posted on the site <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because the comments cannot be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the Department of State cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that one does not want publicly disclosed (including trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2605(i)(1)). The Department of State requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the Department of State inform those persons that the Department of State will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and that they therefore should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

On Closed Meetings: As noted above, portions of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), the latter of which

stipulates that "The provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act shall apply to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee except that the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 10 and 11 of such Act (relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents) shall not apply to the Committee, whenever and to the extent it is determined by the President or his designee that the disclosure of matters involved in the Committee's proceedings would compromise the government's negotiation objectives or bargaining positions on the negotiations of any agreement authorized by this title." The President's designee has made such a determination.

Dated: November 30, 2011.

Adam Erel,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7657]

Notice of Proposal To Extend the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material From Pre-Hispanic Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material From the Colonial Period of Peru

The Government of the Republic of Peru has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material From Pre-Hispanic Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial Period of Peru (MOU).

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to the requirement under 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), an extension of this Memorandum of Understanding is hereby proposed.

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(2), the views and recommendations of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee regarding this proposal will be requested.

A copy of the MOU, the Designated List of restricted categories of material,

and related information can be found at the following Web site: <http://exchanges.state.gov/heritage/culprop>.

Dated: November 30, 2011.

Adam Erel,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Extension of Deadlines for Filing Petitions for the 2011 Annual GSP Product and Country Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of extension of the deadline for submission of petitions from the public.

SUMMARY: The deadlines for submission of all petitions for consideration as part of the 2011 Annual GSP Product and Country Practices Review are extended to December 30, 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 1, 2011, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 67531) announcing the initiation of the 2011 Annual GSP Product and Country Practices Review and setting out the deadlines for the submission of petitions to modify the list of products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices. The deadline for submission of country practice petitions and for submission of product petitions, except for those requesting competitive need limitation (CNL) waivers, was December 5, 2011. The deadline for submission of petitions requesting CNL waivers was December 16, 2011. This notice extends the deadlines for the submission of all petitions for the 2011 Annual Review to 5 p.m., December 30, 2011. Decisions on which of the petitions that are submitted are accepted for review will be announced in the **Federal Register** at later dates.

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 email address is Tameka_Cooper@ustr.eop.gov.

Public versions of all documents relating to the 2011 Annual Review will be made available for public viewing in docket USTR–2011–0015 at www.regulations.gov upon completion of processing and no later than approximately two weeks after the due date.

William D. Jackson,

Deputy Assistant, U.S. Trade Representative for the Generalized System of Preferences and Chair of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Request for Comments on Japan's
Expression of Interest in the Proposed
Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade
Agreement**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Japanese Prime Minister Noda recently announced Japan's intention to begin consultations with the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries towards joining the TPP negotiations. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is assessing Japan's expression of interest in the TPP negotiations in light of the TPP's high standards for liberalizing trade and specific issues of concern to the United States regarding Japanese barriers to agriculture, services, and manufacturing trade, including non-tariff measures. In conducting its assessment, USTR is seeking public comments on these concerns and all other elements related to Japan's interest in the TPP negotiations.

DATES: Written comments are due by noon, January 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions via on-line:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions please contact Donald W. Eiss at (202) 395–3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning requirements for written comments, please contact Donald W. Eiss at (202) 395–3475. All other questions regarding this notice should be directed to Michael Beeman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, at (202) 395–5070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On December 14, 2009, after consulting with relevant Congressional

committees, USTR notified Congress of the President's intent to initiate negotiations on a TPP trade agreement. These negotiations aim to achieve a high-standard, 21st century agreement with a membership and coverage that provides economically significant market access opportunities for America's workers, farmers, ranchers, service providers, and small businesses and that can expand to include additional countries across the Asia-Pacific region. Currently, the negotiations include Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam, as well as the United States. Further information regarding the TPP negotiations can be found at <http://www.ustr.gov/tpp>.

On November 11, 2011, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda announced Japan's intention to begin consultations with the current TPP participating countries towards joining the TPP negotiations. The Chair of the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites interested persons to provide written comments that will assist USTR in assessing Japan's expression of interest in the TPP negotiations in light of the TPP's high standards for liberalizing trade and specific issues of concern to the United States regarding Japanese barriers to agriculture, services, and manufacturing trade, including non-tariff measures. Commenters may address these issues or any other specific barriers affecting U.S. exports to or investment in Japan. The TPSC Chair invites comments on all of these matters, and, in particular, on the following:

(a) Economic costs and benefits to U.S. producers and consumers of eliminating tariffs and eliminating or reducing non-tariff barriers on goods and services traded with Japan.

(b) Treatment by Japan of specific goods (described by HTSUS numbers), including product-specific import or export interests or barriers.

(c) Adequacy of existing customs measures to ensure that only qualifying imported goods from Japan receive preferential treatment, and appropriate rules of origin for goods entering the United States.

(d) Japanese sanitary and phytosanitary measures or technical barriers to trade that should be addressed.

(e) Existing barriers to trade in services between the United States and Japan that should be addressed.

(f) Relevant electronic commerce issues.

(g) Relevant trade-related intellectual property rights issues.

(h) Relevant investment issues.

(i) Relevant competition-related matters.

(j) Relevant government procurement issues.

(k) Relevant environmental issues.

(l) Relevant labor issues.

(m) Relevant transparency issues.

(n) Relevant issues related to innovation and competitiveness, new technologies and emerging economic sectors, the participation of small- and medium-sized businesses in trade, and the development of efficient production and supply chains.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "Japan's Expression of Interest in the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Negotiations." In order to be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted by noon, January 13, 2012.

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Comments should be submitted under the following docket: USTR–2011–0018. To find the docket, enter the docket number in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the <http://www.regulations.gov> home page and click "Search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting "Notices" under "Document Type" on the search-results page, and click on the link entitled "Submit a Comment." (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the web site by clicking on the "Help" tab.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a comments field, or by attaching a document. USTR prefers submissions to be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type comment & Upload File" field. USTR also prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the "Comments" field.

For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC". Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly