

6. Project Sponsor and Facility: Carrizo (Marcellus), LLC (Muddy Run), Gulich Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.720 mgd (peak day).

7. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.070 mgd (30-day average) from S-1 (Baker Spring).

8. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.288 mgd (30-day average) from Well W-1.

9. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.792 mgd (30-day average) from Well W-2.

10. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.288 mgd (30-day average) from Well W-3.

11. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.331 mgd (30-day average) from Well W-4.

12. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Hempfield Township Municipal Authority, East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for renewal of groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.792 mgd (30-day average) from Well W-5 (Docket No. 19810203).

13. Project Sponsor and Facility: Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation (West Branch Susquehanna River), East Keating Township, Clinton County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd (peak day).

14. Project Sponsor and Facility: EQT Production Company (Pine Creek), Porter Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 1.000 mgd (peak day).

15. Project Sponsor and Facility: EXCO Resources (PA), LLC (Larrys Creek), Mifflin Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Application for renewal of surface water withdrawal with modification to increase by an additional 0.413 mgd, for a total of 0.499 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20080936).

16. Project Sponsor and Facility: Falling Springs Water Works, Inc. (Falling Springs Reservoir), Ransom Township, Lackawanna County, Pa.

Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.800 mgd (peak day).

17. Project Sponsor and Facility: Forest Springs Water Company, Wayne Township, Schuylkill County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.075 mgd (30-day average) from Borehole BH-1.

18. Project Sponsor and Facility: Forest Springs Water Company, Wayne Township, Schuylkill County, Pa. Modification to consumptive water use approval removing previous sources Spring 1 and Spring 2 and adding new source Borehole BH-1 (Docket No. 20010206).

19. Project Sponsor and Facility: Gaberseck Brothers (Odin Pond 2), Keating Township, Potter County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.249 mgd (peak day).

20. Project Sponsor and Facility: Houtzdale Municipal Authority (Beccaria Springs), Gulich Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 10.000 mgd (peak day).

21. Project Sponsor: Hydro Recovery-Antrim LP. Project Facility: Antrim Treatment Plant, Duncan Township, Tioga County, Pa. Modification to project features and to increase surface water withdrawal by an additional 1.152 mgd, for a total of 1.872 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20090902).

22. Project Sponsor and Facility: Keystone Clearwater Solutions, LLC (Lycoming Creek), Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Modification to increase surface water withdrawal by an additional 1.308 mgd, for a total of 2.600 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20110616).

23. Project Sponsor and Facility: Keystone Clearwater Solutions, LLC (Moshannon Creek), Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa. Application for renewal of surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20080946).

24. Project Sponsor and Facility: Keystone Clearwater Solutions, LLC (West Branch Susquehanna River), Goshen Township, Clearfield County, Pa. Application for renewal of surface water withdrawal of up to 2.160 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20080944).

25. Project Sponsor and Facility: Roaring Spring Water—Division of Roaring Spring Blank Book, Roaring Spring Borough, Blair County, Pa. Modification to increase consumptive water use by an additional 0.125 mgd, for a total of 0.255 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20120309).

26. Project Sponsor and Facility: Roaring Spring Water—Division of Roaring Spring Blank Book (Roaring

Spring), Roaring Spring Borough, Blair County, Pa. Modification to increase surface water withdrawal by an additional 0.131 mgd, for a total of 0.302 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20120309).

27. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Production Company (Middle Lake), New Milford Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.720 mgd (peak day).

28. Project Sponsor and Facility: Talisman Energy USA Inc. (Susquehanna River), Sheshequin Township, Bradford County, Pa. Application for renewal of surface water withdrawal of up to 2.000 mgd (peak day) (Docket No. 20080909).

Authority: Pub. L. 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806-808.

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Thomas W. Beauduy,
Deputy Executive Director.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice of Initiation of the 2012 Annual GSP Product and Country Practices Review; Deadlines for Filing Petitions

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of procedures for submission of petitions from the public.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is prepared to receive 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. USTR is also prepared to receive petitions requesting waivers of competitive need limitations (CNLs).

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.

DATES: The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) provide the timetable for conducting an annual review, unless otherwise specified by notice in the **Federal Register**. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the

2012 Annual GSP Review, all petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2012. Petitions requesting waivers of CNLs must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2012. Petitions submitted after the respective deadlines will not be considered for review. Decisions on which petitions are accepted for review, along with a schedule for any related public hearings and the opportunity for the public to provide comments will be announced at a later date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The 2012 Annual GSP Review

GSP Product Review Petitions.

Interested parties, including foreign governments, may submit petitions to: (1) Designate additional articles as eligible for GSP benefits, including to designate articles as eligible for GSP benefits only if imported from countries designated as least-developed beneficiary developing countries, or only from countries designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); (2) withdraw, suspend or limit the application of duty-free treatment accorded under the GSP with respect to any article; (3) waive the CNL for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles (these limits do not apply to least-developed beneficiary developing countries or AGOA beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries); and (4) otherwise modify GSP coverage.

As specified in 15 CFR 2007.1, all product petitions must include, *inter alia*, a detailed description of the product and the eight-digit subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under which the product is classified.

As noted above, product petitions requesting CNL waivers for GSP-eligible articles imported from beneficiary developing countries that exceed the CNLs in 2012 must be received on or before the November 21, 2012, deadline described above. Before submitting petitions for CNL waivers, prospective petitioners may wish to review the year-to-date import trade data for products of interest. This data is available via the U.S. International Trade Commission's "Dataweb" database at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov/>.

Country Practices Review Petitions

Any interested party may submit a petition to review the GSP eligibility of any beneficiary developing country with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)). As noted above, such petitions are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012.

Requirements for Submissions

All submissions for the GSP Annual Review must conform to the GSP regulations set forth at 15 CFR part 2007, except as modified below. These regulations are available on the USTR Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov/trade-topics/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp/gsp-program-inf>. The GSP Guidebook also contains general instructions on how to submit a GSP petition. Any person or party making a submission is strongly advised to review the GSP regulations and the GSP Guidebook, available at the same link.

All submissions in response to this notice must be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using docket number USTR-2012-0013. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. Submissions must be submitted in English to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee by the applicable deadlines set forth in this notice. Submissions that do not provide the information required by sections 2007.0 and 2007.1 of the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review, except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required.

To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR-2012-0013 in the "Search for" field on the 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 "Notice" under "Document Type" in the "Filter Results by" section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled "Comment Now." The "<http://www.regulations.gov>" Web site offers the option of providing comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field or by attaching a document using the "Upload file(s)" field. Given the detailed nature of the information sought by the GSP Subcommittee, the Subcommittee prefers that submissions be provided in an attached document. Submissions must include at the beginning of the submission, or on the first page (if an attachment), the

following text (in bold and underlined): (1) "2012 GSP Annual Review"; and (2) the eight-digit HTSUS subheading number in which the product is classified (for product petitions) or the name of the country (for country practice petitions). Furthermore, interested parties submitting petitions that request action with respect to specific products should also list at the beginning of the submission, or on the first page (if an attachment) the following information: (1) The requested action; and (2) if applicable, the beneficiary developing country. Submissions should not 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.

Each submitter will receive a submission tracking number upon completion of the submissions procedure at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The tracking number will be the submitter's confirmation that the submission was received into <http://www.regulations.gov>. The confirmation should be kept for the submitter's records. USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for the Web site. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions may not be considered in this review. If an interested party is unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact the GSP Program at USTR to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

Business Confidential Petitions

An interested party requesting that information contained in a petition be treated as business confidential 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" field. Any submission containing business confidential information must be accompanied by a *separate*, 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.

Public Viewing of Review Submissions

Submissions in response to this notice, except for information granted “business confidential” status under 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public viewing pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.6 at www.regulations.gov upon completion of processing and no later than approximately two weeks after the relevant due date. Such submissions may be viewed by entering the docket number USTR–2012–0013 in the search field at: www.regulations.gov.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Dispute No. WTO/DS431]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding
Regarding China—Measures Related
to the Exportation of Rare Earths,
Tungsten and Molybdenum**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) is providing notice that the United States has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (“WTO Agreement”). That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS431/6. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before August 27, 2012, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR–2012–0005. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

If (as explained below) the comment contains confidential information, then the comment should be submitted by fax only to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395–3640.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jared Wessel, Assistant General Counsel, or Ben Kostrzewa, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395–3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (“URAA”) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, USTR is providing notice that a dispute settlement panel has been requested pursuant to the *WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (“DSU”). The panel will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

On June 27, 2012, the United States requested the establishment of a panel regarding China’s restraints on the export from China of various forms of rare earths, tungsten and molybdenum (collectively, the “materials”). These export restraints include export duties on the materials; quantitative restrictions such as quotas on the export of the materials; and additional requirements that impose restrictions on the trading rights of enterprises seeking to export various forms of rare earths and molybdenum, such as prior export performance and minimum registered capital requirements. In addition, China administers these export quotas on the materials in a manner that is not uniform, impartial, or reasonable, such as by the use of criteria in the application and allocation process that lack definition or do not contain sufficient guidelines or standards in how they should be applied.

Forms of rare earths include, but are not limited to, items falling under the following eight-digit HS numbers identified in the *Announcement No. 27 Issuing the 2012 Tariff Implementation Program* (State Council Customs Tariff Commission, shuiweihui, No. 27, issued December 9, 2011, effective January 1, 2012) (hereinafter, the “*2012 Tariff Implementation Program*”): 25309020, 26122000, 28053011, 28053012, 28053013, 28053014, 28053015, 28053016, 28053017, 28053019, 28053021, 28053029, 28461010, 28461020, 28461030, 28461090, 28469011, 28469012, 28469013, 28469014, 28469015, 28469016, 28469017, 28469019, 28469021,

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Forms of tungsten include, but are not limited to, items falling under the following eight-digit HS numbers, as identified in the *2012 Tariff Implementation Program*: 26209910, 28259011, 28259012, 28259019, 28418010, 28418020, 28418030, 28418040, 28418090, 28499020, 72028010, 72028020, 81011000, 81019400 and 81019700. Forms of tungsten also include, but are not limited to, items falling under the following 10-digit CCC Codes, as identified in the *2012 Export Licensing Management Commodities List*: 2611000000, 2620991000, 2825901100, 2825901200, 2825901910, 2841801000, 2841802000, 2841803000, 2841804000, 2849902000, 8101100010, 8101100090, 8101940000 and 8101970000.