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Patrick F. Kennedy,

Under Secretary of State for Management.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing concerning China's compliance with its WTO commitments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

DATES: Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Written comments are due by noon, Monday, September 24, 2012. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Notifications of intent to testify and written comments should be submitted electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Donald W. Eiss, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Donald W. Eiss, (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Terrence J. McCartin, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3900, or Katherine C. Tai, Chief Counsel for China Enforcement, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

China became a Member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to

Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year's report is available on USTR's Internet Web site (http://www.ustr.gov/webfm_send/3189).

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO agreements. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the Department of Commerce Web page, <http://www.mac.doc.gov/China/WTOAccessionPackage.htm>, or on the WTO Web site, <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas: (a) Trading rights; (b) import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses); (c) export regulation; (d) internal policies affecting trade (e.g., subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, trade-related investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports); (e) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement); (f) services; (g) rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and (h) other WTO commitments. In addition, given the United States' view that China should be held accountable as a full participant in, and beneficiary of, the international trading system, USTR requests that interested persons specifically identify unresolved compliance issues that warrant review and evaluation by USTR's China Enforcement Task Force.

Written comments must be received no later than noon, Monday, September 24, 2012.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, in Room 1, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. If

necessary, the hearing will continue on the next business day. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The notification should include: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraph) summary of the presentation, including the commitments at issue and, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC.

All documents should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in section 3 below.

3. Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting a notification of intent to testify and/or written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) "China's WTO Compliance."

In order to ensure the most timely and expeditious receipt and consideration of comments, USTR has arranged to accept on-line submissions via <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR-2012-0020 on the home page and click "Comment Now!". (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov <<http://www.regulations.gov>> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use This Site" on the left side of the home page.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a "type comment" field, or by attaching a document using the "upload file(s)" field. We prefer submissions to be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "type comment" field.

Submit any documents containing business confidential information with a file name beginning with the characters "BC". Submit, as a separate submission, a public version of the submission with a file name beginning with the character "P". The "BC" and "P" should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Electronic submissions should not attach separate cover letters; rather, information that might appear in a cover

letter should be included in the comments you submit. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments to a submission in the same file as the submission itself and not as separate files.

We strongly urge submitters to use electronic filing. If an on-line submission is impossible, alternative arrangements must be made with Mr. Eiss prior to delivery for the receipt of such submissions. Mr. Eiss may be contacted at (202) 395-3475.

General information concerning USTR may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>).

Douglas M. Bell,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Twenty-Second Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Meeting notice of RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the twenty-second meeting of RTCA Special Committee 203, Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 11-13, 2012, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NASA Ames Conference Center, 500 Severys Road, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035, (650) 604-2082, email: hmoses@rtca.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833-9339, fax at (202) 833-9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of Special Committee 203. The agenda will include the following:

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

- Introductory Remarks and Introductions

- Approval of Twenty First Plenary Summary
- Chair/Leadership Updates
- Designated Federal Official (DFO) Update
- Schedule Status
- Workgroup Updates
- Other Business
- Date, Place, and Time for Plenary Twenty-Three
- Plenary Adjourns

Work Group Breakout Sessions Will Follow: Tuesday Afternoon—September 11th Through Thursday Noon—September 13th

Note: • *Foreign nationals must give 20 business days notice to Alan Hobbs at alan.hobbs@nasa.gov or phone: 650-604-1336 to attend.*

- More information on meeting location with maps, nearby hotels, and restaurants can be found at <http://naccenter.arc.nasa.gov/index.php>.

- Dress Business Casual.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 10, 2012.

David Sicard,

Manager, Business Operations Branch, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Project: I-5: Glendale-Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane: Douglas and Josephine Counties, OR

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Limitations on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA, NMFS, USF&WS, and the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA, USACE, and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, I-5: Glendale-Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane, in Douglas and Josephine Counties, Oregon. Those

actions grant licenses, permits and approval for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before February 16, 2013. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 180 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Eraut, Program Development Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration, 530 Center Street NE., Suite 420, Salem, Oregon 97301, Telephone: (503) 316-2559; Dominic Yballe, US Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946, Telephone: (503) 808-4392; Kevin Maurice, Wildlife Biologist, USFWS Oregon State Office, 2600 SE. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266, Telephone: (503) 231-6179; Marc Liverman, Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97232; Telephone: (503) 231-2336.

The I-5: Glendale-Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane categorical exclusion and other project records are available upon written request from the Federal Highway Administration at the address shown above. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the I-5: Glendale-Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane categorical exclusion should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FHWA, USACE, USF&WS and NMFS have taken final agency action subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(j)(1) by issuing licenses, permits and approval for the following highway project in the State of Oregon: I-5: Glendale-Hugo Paving/Sexton Climbing Lane. The project will repave between mile points 66.3 and 81.5 on Interstate 5. This will also include replacing substandard and damaged guardrail, and also replacing substandard median barrier. The project will also construct a third lane, a climbing lane, on the northbound side of Sexton Mountain pass between mile points 66.7 and 69.6 to accommodate trucks climbing the pass. The actions by the Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in categorical exclusion issued on August 14, 2012, and in other documents in the FHWA project records. The categorical