

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>33</sup>

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*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Delegation of Authority No. 522]

#### Delegation of Authority; Designation of U.S. Delegations to International Conferences

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States of America, including 22 U.S.C. 2651a(a)(4), and as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States of America, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs (IO) and the IO Director of International Conferences (IO/C), the authority to designate delegates of the United States of America to international conferences, including any meeting convened by an international organization.

The Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may also exercise the authority delegated herein. The delegations of authority from the Secretary of State to the IO Assistant Secretary of State, dated March 6, 1953, and from IO to the Director of the Office of International Conferences, dated May 29, 1975, are hereby rescinded. This delegation does not rescind or otherwise affect any other delegation currently in effect.

This memorandum shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 23, 2021.

**Antony J. Blinken,**  
*Secretary of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice: 11607]

#### Determination Under Section 7012 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021 Relating to Assistance to Zimbabwe

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 7012 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021

(Div. K, Pub. L. 116-260) (FY 2021 SFOAA); Executive Order 12163, as amended by Executive Order 13346; and Delegation of Authority 513, I hereby determine that targeted assistance to Zimbabwe in the areas of health, good governance and respect for human rights, leadership, agriculture/food security, poverty reduction, livelihoods, family planning and reproductive health, macroeconomic growth including anti-corruption efforts, helping victims of trafficking and combatting trafficking, and advancing biodiversity and wildlife conservation, as well as the continuation of assistance that would have a significant adverse effect on vulnerable populations if suspended, is in the national interest of the United States. I thereby waive with respect to Zimbabwe the application of section 7012 of the FY 2021 SFOAA with respect to such assistance.

This determination shall be published in the **Federal Register** and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be transmitted to Congress.

Dated: November 9, 2021.

**Brian P. McKeon,**  
*Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### [Docket Number USTR-2021-0021]

#### Request for Comments and Notice of a Public Hearing Regarding the 2022 Special 301 Review

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Each year, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) conducts a review to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property (IP) rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. Based on this review, the U.S. Trade Representative determines which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. USTR requests written comments that identify acts, policies, or practices that may form the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country or placement on the Priority Watch List or Watch List.

**DATES:**

*January 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST:* Deadline for submission of written comments from the public.

*February 14, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST:* Deadline for submission of written comments from foreign governments.

*February 23, 2022:* Deadline for the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (Subcommittee) to pose questions on written comments.

*March 8, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST:* Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to questions from the Subcommittee.

*On or about April 29, 2022:* USTR will publish the 2022 Special 301 Report within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimate Report.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly encourages electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the submission instructions in section IV below. The docket number is USTR-2021-0021. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact USTR at [Special301@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Special301@ustr.eop.gov) before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacob Ewerdt, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at [Special301@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Special301@ustr.eop.gov) or (202) 395-4510. You can find information about the Special 301 Review at <https://www.ustr.gov>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), commonly known as the Special 301 provisions, requires the U.S. Trade Representative to identify countries that deny adequate and effective IP protections or fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. The Trade Act requires the U.S. Trade Representative to determine which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country can be subject to the procedures set out in sections 301-305 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2411-2415).

In addition, USTR has created a Priority Watch List and Watch List to assist in pursuing the goals of the Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IP protection, enforcement, or market access for persons that rely on intellectual property protection. Trading partners placed on the Priority Watch List are the

<sup>33</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).