

to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BATS-2016-14 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2016-14. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BATS-2016-14 and should be submitted on or before March 21, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>54</sup>

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

#### 2015/2016 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Annual Product Review: Inviting Public Comments on Possible Actions Related to Competitive Need Limitations

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

**ACTION:** Notice and solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of full 2015 calendar year import statistics relating to competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) will accept public comments submitted by April 1, 2016, regarding: (1) Possible *de minimis* CNL waivers; and (2) possible redesignations of articles currently not eligible for GSP benefits because they previously exceeded the CNL thresholds. This notice also announces the withdrawal by the petitioners of certain previously accepted CNL waiver petitions.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aimee Larsen, Director for GSP, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-2974 and the email address is [Aimee\\_B\\_Larsen@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Aimee_B_Larsen@ustr.eop.gov).

**DATES:** Public comments are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2016.

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Statutory Provisions Related to CNLs**

The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries (BDCs). 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").

Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two CNLs. When the President determines that a BDC exported to the United States during a calendar year either: (1) A quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that

year (\$170 million for 2015), or (2) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (the "50 percent" CNL), the President must terminate GSP duty-free treatment for that article from that BDC by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year, unless a waiver is granted. (*Note*—as announced in a November 17, 2015, **Federal Register** notice (FRN), petitions for CNL waivers are being considered under a separate timeline than that of the actions on CNLs set forth in this FRN).

*De minimis waivers:* Under section 503(c)(2)(F) of the 1974 Act, the President may waive the 50 percent CNL with respect to an eligible article imported from a BDC if the value of total imports of that article from all countries during the calendar year did not exceed the applicable *de minimis* amount for that year (\$22.5 million for 2015).

*Redesignations:* Under section 503(c)(2)(C) of the 1974 Act, if imports of an eligible article from a BDC ceased to receive duty-free treatment due to exceeding a CNL in a prior year, the President may, subject to the considerations in sections 501 and 502 of the 1974 Act, redesignate such an article for duty-free treatment if imports in the most recently completed calendar year did not exceed the CNLs.

*CNL waiver revocation:* Under Section 503(d)(5) of the 1974 Act, a CNL waiver remains in effect until the President determines that it is no longer warranted due to changed circumstances. Section 503(d)(4)(B)(ii) of the 1974 Act, as amended by Public Law 109-432, also provides that, "[n]ot later than July 1 of each year, the President should revoke any waiver that has then been in effect with respect to an article for five years or more if the beneficiary developing country has exported to the United States (directly or indirectly) during the preceding calendar year a quantity of the article— (I) having an appraised value in excess of 1.5 times the applicable amount set forth in subsection (c)(2)(A)(ii) for that calendar year (\$255 million in 2015); or (II) exceeding 75 percent of the appraised value of the total imports of that article into the United States during that calendar year."

Exclusions from GSP duty-free treatment where CNLs have been exceeded will be effective July 1, 2016, unless granted a waiver by the President. Any CNL-based exclusions, CNL waiver revocations, and decisions with respect to *de minimis* waivers and

<sup>54</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

redesignations will be based on full 2015 calendar year import data.

## II. 2015 Import Statistics

In order to provide notice of articles that have exceeded the CNLs for 2015 and to afford an opportunity for comment regarding (1) potential *de minimis* waivers and (2) potential redesignations for 2015, USTR has posted product lists on the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-reviews/gsp-20152016> under the title “2015 Import Statistics Relating to Competitive Need Limitations for the Generalized System of Preferences.” These lists can also be found at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket Number USTR–2015–0013. There were no articles that were subject to CNL waiver revocation for 2015 based on the provisions of Section 503(d)(4)(B)(ii) of the 1974 Act, as amended by Public Law 109–432. Full 2015 calendar year data for individual tariff subheadings may also be viewed on the Web site of the U.S. International Trade Commission at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>.

The lists available on the USTR Web site contain, for each article, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading and BDC country of origin, the value of imports of the article for the 2015 calendar year, and the percentage of total U.S. imports of that article from all countries.

The lists published on the USTR Web site are for informational purposes only. They may not include all articles to which the GSP CNLs may apply. All determinations and decisions regarding the CNLs of the GSP program will be based on full 2015 calendar year import data with respect to each GSP-eligible article. Each interested party is advised to conduct its own review of 2015 import data with respect to the possible application of the GSP CNL provisions.

List I on the USTR Web site shows GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that exceeded a CNL by having been imported in excess of \$170 million, or in a quantity equal to or greater than 50 percent of the total U.S. import value, in 2015. These products will be removed from eligibility for GSP for the subject countries on July 1, 2016, unless the President grants a waiver for the product for the subject country in response to a petition filed by an interested party. Such petitions for CNL waivers must have been previously submitted in the 2015/2016 GSP Annual Review. (See 80 FR 50376 and 80 FR 71913.) The last column in List I shows those products for which petitions have

been accepted and are now under review.

List II identifies GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that are above the 50 percent CNL, but that are eligible for a *de minimis* waiver of the 50 percent CNL. Articles eligible for *de minimis* waivers are automatically considered in the GSP annual review process, without the filing of a petition. List III shows GSP-eligible articles from certain BDCs that are currently not receiving GSP duty-free treatment, but that may be considered for GSP redesignation based on 2015 trade data and consideration of certain statutory factors. Recommendations to the President on *de minimis* waivers and redesignations will be made as part of the GSP annual review process, and public comments (including comments in support of or in opposition to *de minimis* waivers and redesignations) are invited in accordance with the Requirements for Submissions below.

## III. Public Comments

### Requirements for Submissions

Written comments submitted in response to this notice must be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2016. All submissions must be made in English and submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, using docket number USTR–2015–0013. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted.

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 <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp/gsp-program-inf>. Any person or party making a submission is strongly advised to review the GSP regulations as well as the GSP Guidebook, which is available at the same link.

To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR–2015–0013 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. The Subcommittee prefers that submissions be provided in an attached document and, in such cases, that parties note “See attached” in the “Type Comment” field on the online submission form.

At the beginning of the submission, or on the first page (if an attachment), please note that the submission is in response to this **Federal Register** notice and indicate the specific product(s) (including the eight-digit HTSUS subheading) that is the subject of the comment and on which of the relevant lists described above (e.g., List I) it appears. 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 responsible for any delays in a submission due to technical difficulties, nor is it able to provide any technical assistance for the <http://www.regulations.gov> 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 submission 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. For any submission containing business confidential information, a non-confidential version must be submitted separately (i.e., not as part of the same submission with the confidential version), 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 part 2003.6, will be available for public viewing pursuant to 15 CFR part 2007.6 at <http://www.regulations.gov> upon completion of processing, usually within two weeks of the relevant due date or date of the submission. Public versions of all documents relating to the 2015/2016 Annual Product Review will be made available for public viewing in docket USTR-2015-0013 at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) upon completion of processing.

#### IV. Withdrawal of Certain CNL Waiver Petitions

In a January 11, 2016 **Federal Register** notice (see 81 FR 1275), USTR announced the acceptance of CNL waiver petitions for the 2015/2016 GSP Annual Review. Following the release of full 2015 calendar year trade data, the following petitioners have withdrawn their CNL waiver petition from the 2015/2016 GSP Annual Review because the product imported from the subject GSP beneficiary country did not surpass the CNL thresholds for 2015:

- CamelBak Products LLC: HTS 4202.92.04 from the Philippines
- Government of Tunisia: HTS 1509.10.40 from Tunisia
- Government of Ukraine: HTS 2804.29.00 from Ukraine
- Lenox Corporation: HTS 6911.10.37 from Indonesia

An updated list of the CNL waiver petitions being considered in the 2015/2016 review can be found on the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-reviews/gsp-20152016> under the title "Product and CNL Waiver Petitions Accepted for the 2015/2016 GSP Annual Review." This list can also be found at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket Number USTR-2015-0013.

#### William D. Jackson,

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

#### Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors meeting.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held on March 17, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

*Place:* This meeting will be open to the public via conference call. Any interested person may call 1-877-422-1931, passcode 2855443940, to listen and participate in this meeting.

*Status:* Open to the public.

*Matters to be considered:* The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

*For further information contact:* Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827-4565.

Dated: February 17, 2016.

**Larry W. Minor,**

Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2015-0030]

#### Award Management Requirements: Proposed Circular

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed circular and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FTA has placed in the docket and on its Web site proposed guidance in the form of proposed FTA Circular, 5010.1E, "Award Management Requirements," to facilitate implementation of FTA's assistance programs. The purpose of the proposed circular is to update the current "Grants Management Requirements" circular to reflect various changes in the law, regulations, and FTA's transition to a

new electronic award and management system. The proposed circular provides guidance regarding the management responsibilities accompanying FTA awards of federal assistance through Grants and Cooperative Agreements. By this notice, FTA seeks public comment on the proposed circular.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by April 29, 2016. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments by only one of the following methods, identifying your submission by DOT Docket Number FTA-2015-0030. All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202-493-2251.

*Instructions:* You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket number (FTA-2015-0030) for this notice at the beginning of each submission of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) including any personal information provided and will be available to internet users. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time or to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For program matters, contact Pamela A. Brown, FTA Office of Program