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### Public Input Process

The Department of State published a **Federal Register** notice (citation) in December 1996 to solicit contributions and comments on all aspects of the first USCAR and in particular, on issues related to regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. Unfortunately, we received no responses.

In spite of the lack of response, we remain committed to providing the public with an opportunity to review the second draft and provide comments on the text. Because of time constraints, the draft is somewhat rough in terms of formatting and graphics, and is still under interagency review. We anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate that on the basis of further input, some of the projections of the effects of measures—and of the aggregate effect of the U.S. program—might change. We also anticipate the inclusion of additional material, particularly in the sections on “The Future” pending the completion of internal Administration analysis.

We invite input on all aspects of the document including its substance, format, and graphics. Comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be considered in the revisions to the draft of the second national communication. Interested parties may request individual chapter(s) or the entire text.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft text of the second USCAR should be received on or before noon, May 23, 1997. The deadline cannot be extended because of an extremely tight timetable for the report's preparation in anticipation of the July submission date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder, OES/EGC, Room 4330, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Reifsnyder at (202) 647-0191. Copies of the draft Second National Communication may be obtained from Mr. Reifsnyder's office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel A. Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Change, U.S. Department of State at (202) 647-4069.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

### Rafe Pomerance,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Development, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice No. 2541]

### Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Overseas School Advisory Council, Department of State, will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1406, Department of State Building, 2201 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Meeting is open to the public.

The Overseas Schools Advisory Council works closely with the U.S. business community in improving those American-sponsored schools overseas which are assisted by the Department of State and which are attended by dependents of U.S. government families and children of employees of U.S. corporations and foundations abroad.

This meeting will deal with issues related to the work and the support provided by the Overseas Schools Advisory Council to the American-sponsored overseas schools.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting and join in the discussion, subject to the instructions of the Chairman. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the State Department is controlled and individual building passes are required for each attendee. Persons who plan to attend should so advise the office of Dr. Keith D. Miller, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA-29, Room 245, Washington, D.C. 20522-2902, telephone 703-875-7800, prior to May 30, 1997. Visitors will be asked to provide their date of birth and Social Security number at the time they register their intention to attend and must carry a valid photo ID with them to the meeting. All attendees must use the C Street entrance to the building.

Dated: April 28, 1997.

### Keith D. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Implementation of the First Round of Accelerated Tariff Eliminations Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

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

**ACTION:** Notification of articles proposed for accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

**SUMMARY:** Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 (“the Act”) grants the President, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement (“the NAFTA”). This notice is intended to inform the public of those articles on which the United States, Canada and Mexico have provisionally agreed to accelerate the elimination of duties.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 522, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508; telephone (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following **Federal Register** notices provide information on the first round. Request for petitions appeared December 23, 1993 (58 FR 68186); a request for comments on list of products to be considered appeared May 23, 1994 (59 FR 26688).

Article 302 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) permits the Parties to consider and agree to accelerate the elimination of customs duties on goods of a Party. Pursuant to this provision, the United States, Canada and Mexico solicited requests from interested parties in early 1994. At the request of the United States Government, the Parties agreed to consider requests on an expedited basis, and for that reason also agreed to consider a short list of items in the first round.

As a result, approximately 207 8-digit tariff subheadings or parts of subheadings were considered by the three Parties. As a part of the process, USTR requested the advice of the USITC and the private sector trade advisory groups. As has been practice under tariff acceleration rounds conducted under

the provisions of the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement, the United States did not agree to provide accelerated tariff elimination for those products subject to negative advice. In a similar manner, the governments of Canada and Mexico declined to agree to acceleration for products subject to negative comments by their interested parties.

The Parties did agree to accelerated tariff elimination on the remaining products, involving all or parts of approximately 80 8-digit tariff lines for which one or more of the Parties have provisionally agreed to eliminate the duties at the conclusion of the necessary domestic procedures. Two annexes are

attached listing the agreed products. Annex 1 lists the products for which the United States proposes to immediately eliminate the remaining tariffs. Annex II also shows the U.S. reductions, as well as the comparable reductions agreed to by Canada and Mexico. As a rule, eliminations are being proposed on a reciprocal basis. For products that do not show such reciprocal elimination, it is in most cases due to the fact that duties have already been eliminated. The final column of the annex indicates those few cases where a Party declined to participate in the reductions.

As noted above, the relevant private sector advisory committees were consulted throughout this process, and

have expressed no objection to eliminating tariffs for the products appearing in Annex I. In addition, the ITC provided a report to USTR indicating that the proposed eliminations would have no harmful impact on the United States.

The Parties intend to implement the accelerated tariff eliminations effective July 1, 1997. A separate **Federal Register** notice will be published shortly providing information on the initiation of a second round of NAFTA Accelerated Tariff Eliminations.

**Peter F. Allgeier,**

*Associate U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere.*

#### ANNEX 1.—NAFTA TARIFF ACCELERATION ROUND ONE—U.S. TARIFF REDUCTIONS

Short product description	US HS No.	Tariff reduced for	Comment
Processed Artichokes .....	20059080	Mexico .....	
Tahini .....	20081990	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Trimethoprim .....	29335922	Mexico .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Hexamethylenetetramine .....	29339087	Mexico .....	
Sulfamethoxazole .....	29350048	Mexico .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Polyethylene tape laminated with thermoplastic adhesive.	39219050	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Venetian blinds of wood .....	44219040	Canada, Mexico	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Elastomeric monofilaments of polyurethane .....	54041080	Mexico, Canada	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Imitations of Catgut .....	56049000	Canada .....	
Metallized yarn .....	56050010	Mexico .....	
	56050090		
Woven fabrics of polyethylene, coated or laminated with plastics on one side only.	59039025	Mexico .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Printed Cotton towels .....	63029100	Mexico .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Briquettes for gas fuel barbecues .....	68159940	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Briquettes for gas fuel barbecues .....	69149080	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft.	731815xx	Canada, Mexico	Acceleration on parts of 6-digit number only.
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft, of nickel.	750890xx	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Casting-grade zinc, containing by weight less than 99.99% of zinc.	79011210	Canada, Mexico	
Other zinc .....	79011250	Canada .....	
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft, of titanium.	81089030	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
Electric switches, other than motor starter switches .....	85365080	Mexico, .....	
Other bicycle parts .....	87149190	Mexico, Canada	
Appliance timers .....	910700	Canada .....	Acceleration on parts of 6-digit number only.
Parts for appliances timers .....	91149030	Canada .....	Acceleration on part of 8-digit number only.
	91149050		
Brushes constituting parts of machines .....	96035080	Canada .....	

All remaining duties will be eliminated immediately on these products.

#### ANNEX II.—NAFTA TARIFF ACCELERATION ROUND ONE—CONCORDANCE

Product description	US HS No.	Cnd HS No.	Mex HS No.	USA	Mexico	Canada	Comment
Processed Artichokes .....	20059080	N/A	20059099	M	US		US-Mex only.
Tahini .....	20081990	20081990	20081999	C	US, C	US, M	
Sodium Cyanide .....	28371100	28371100	28371101		US, C		
2-Ethyl-hexanol .....	29051600	29051600	29061602		US, C	M	
Lovastatin and simvastatin .....	29322950	29322900	29322999		US, C	M	
Trimethoprim .....	29335922	29335900	29335906	M	US, C	M	
Enalapril maleate .....	29339053	29339000	29339057		US, C	M	
Hexamethylenetetramine .....	29339087	29339000	29339035	M		M	
Sulfamethoxazole .....	29350048	29350000	29350028	M	US, C	M	
Sulfamerizine .....	29350042	29350000	29350099		US, C	M	
Vitamin C and its derivatives .....	29362700	29362700	29362701		US, C		
Dexamethasone .....	29372200	29372200	29379909		US, C		

## ANNEX II.—NAFTA TARIFF ACCELERATION ROUND ONE—CONCORDANCE—Continued

Product description	US HS No.	Cnd HS No.	Mex HS No.	USA	Mexico	Canada	Comment
Tetracycline chlorohydrate .....	29413000	29413000	29413001		US, C	M	
Gentamycin .....	29419050	29419000	29419016		US, C	M	
Film without sprocket holes, of a width not exceeding 105 mm, for color photography (polychrome).	37023100	37023100	37023101		US, C		
Film without sprocket holes, of a width exceeding 610 mm and a length exceeding 200 mm, for color photography (polychrome).	37024100	37024100	37024101		US, C		
Film, for color photography (polychrome), of a width exceeding 16 mm but not exceeding 35 mm and a length not exceeding 30 m, for slides.	37025300	37025300	37025301		US, C		
Film, for color photography (polychrome), of a width exceeding 16 mm but not exceeding 35 mm and a length not exceeding 30 m, other than for slides.	37025400	37025400	37025401		US, C		
Film, for color photography (polychrome), of a width exceeding 16 mm but not exceeding 35 and of a length exceeding 30 m.	37025500	37025500	37025501		US, C		
Black and white motion picture film, of a width not exceeding 16 mm and of a length exceeding 14 m.	37029200	27029290	37029201		US, C		
Color motion picture film, of a width exceeding 16 mm but not exceeding 35 mm and of a length exceeding 30 m.	37029400	37029490	37029401		US, C		
Polyethylene tape laminated with thermoplastic adhesive.	39219050	39219090	39219008	C	US, C	US, M	
Venetian blinds of wood .....	44219040	44219040	44219099	C, M	US, C	US, M	
Paper of a kind for use in making masking tape.	48083000	48083090	48083002		US, C		
Elastomeric monofilaments of polyurethane ..	54041080	54041090	54041005	M, C	C	US, M	
Imitations of Catgut .....	56049000	56049000	56049003, 56049004	C		US	US-Can only.
Metallized yarn .....	56050010, 56050090	56050000	5605001	M	US, C	M	
Woven fabrics of polyethylene, coated or laminated with plastics on one side only.	59039025	59039020	59039002	M	US		
Printed Cotton towels .....	63029100	63029100	63029101	M	US		
Briquettes for gas fuel barbecues .....	68159940	68159991, 68159999	68159901, 68159999	C		US	
Ceramic tableware, other than of porcelain or china.	69120010, 69120020, 69120035, 69120039, 69120041, 69120044, 69120045, 69120046, 69120048, 69120059	69120000	69120001, 69120099		C	M	Mex-Can only.
Briquettes for gas fuel barbecues .....	69149080	69149000	69149099	C		US, M	
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft.	731815xx	73181500	73181501	C, M		US, M	
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft, of nickel.	750890xx	75089020	75089099	C	US, C	US, M	
Casting-grade zinc, containing by weight less than 99.99% of zinc.	79011210	79011200	79011201	C, M	US, C		
Other zinc .....	79011250			C			
Screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts and washers, for aircraft, of titanium.	81089030	81089090	81089099	C	US, C	US, M	
Scissors & Shears—Blanks and blades .....	82130030, 82130060, 82130090	82130020, 82130030	82130001			US	
Tobacco drying machines .....	84199090	84193190	84193105		US, C		
Parts of tobacco drying machines .....		84199080	84199099		US, C	M	
Dishwashers .....	84221100	N/A	84221101		US		
Parts of dishwashers .....	84229002, 84229004, 84220006	N/A	84229002, 84229003, 84229004		US		Mex-US only.
Machines for cleaning by pressure .....	84243010, 84243090	84243000	84243001		US, C	M	

## ANNEX II.—NAFTA TARIFF ACCELERATION ROUND ONE—CONCORDANCE—Continued

Product description	US HS No.	Cnd HS No.	Mex HS No.	USA	Mexico	Canada	Comment
Excavating machines .....	84295950	84295910, 84295920, 84295990	84295901		US, C		
Parts for excavating machines .....	84314100, 84214990	84314190	84314101, 84314103, 84314199		US, C	M	
Other parts for excavating machines .....		84314990	84314902, 84314999		US, C	M	
Clothes dryers .....	84512100	N/A	84512101, 84512199		US		US-Mex only.
Metal casting machines .....	84543000	84543010, 84543090	84543001		US, C		
Metal processing machines .....	84798100	84798110, 84798190	84798101		US, C		
Electric switches, other than motor starter switches.	85365080	85365010, 85365080, 85365091, 85365099	85365001, 85365010, 85365011	M			US-Mex only.
Other bicycle parts .....	87149190			M, C			
Bicycle Hubs, other than coaster braking hubs and hub brakes, and free-wheel sprocket-wheels.	87149305, 84719315, 84719324, 84719328, 84719335, 84719370	87149300	87149301			M	
Bicycle parts, other than of subheading No. 8714.91, 8714.92, 8714.93, 8714.94, 8714.95 or 8714.96.	87149910, 87149950, 87149960, 87149980, 87149990	87149920	87149901			M	Can-Mex only.
Appliance timers .....	91070040, 91070080	91070010, 91070020, 91070090	91070001	C		US, M	
Parts for appliance timers .....	91149030, 91149050	91149020, 91149030, 91149090	91149001, 91149099	C		US	
Brushes constituting parts of machines .....	96035080	96035090	96035001	C		US, M	

All remaining tariffs will be eliminated immediately. The 3rd, 4th and 5th columns show the reductions each country provides for the other NAFTA parties.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Initiation of the Second Round of Accelerated Tariff Elimination Talks Under Provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement

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

**ACTION:** Notification of an opportunity to file petitions requesting accelerated tariff elimination under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

**SUMMARY:** Section 201(b) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 ("the Act") grants the President, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, the authority to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States,

Mexico and Canada under Article 302(3) of the North American Free Trade Agreement ("the NAFTA"). This notice opens the second round of consideration for accelerated tariff elimination under the NAFTA, and describes the procedure for filing petitions. The closing date for filing petitions requesting consideration is June 13, 1997. The three NAFTA governments will announce the products being provided accelerated reductions on or before December 15, 1997, with implementation planned for early 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Room 522, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508; telephone: (202) 395-3412; fax: (202) 395-9675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA establishes the timetable for the staged elimination of tariffs on all dutiable goods traded between Mexico and the United States

and most dutiable goods traded between Mexico and Canada. Duties on goods traded between the United States and Canada remain subject to the tariff elimination timetables agreed to under the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). All goods covered by the tariff elimination provisions agreed to by the United States and Canada will be duty free as of January 1, 1998.

Article 302(3) of the NAFTA provides that, at the request of any party to the NAFTA, the parties shall consult to consider accelerating the elimination of customs duties set out in the Agreement. Section 201(b) of the Act grants the President, subject to certain consultation and layover requirements, the authority to proclaim any such agreed acceleration of the elimination of a U.S. duty. The Statement of Administrative Action (SAA) which was approved by the Congress along with the NAFTA and Sec. 201(b)(2) of the Act state that the President may not consider a request to accelerate the staging of duty reductions for an article