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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Schedule of Hearings and Deadlines for Submitting Comments on One Additional Petition for the GSP 1997 Product Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States  
Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is to notify that one  
product has been added to the 1997 GSP

Product Review and to set forth the  
timetable for hearings, and for providing  
public comments on a petition to waive  
the GSP competitive need limit on  
imports of sugar from Brazil.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** GSP  
Subcommittee, Office of the United  
States Trade Representative, 600 17th  
Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC  
20508 (Tel. 202/395-6971). Public  
versions of all documents relating to  
this review may be seen by appointment  
in the USTR public Reading Room  
between 9:30-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. (Tel.  
202/395-6186).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSP  
program is authorized pursuant to Title  
V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended  
("the Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 et  
seq.). The GSP program grants duty-free

treatment to designated eligible articles  
that are imported from designated  
beneficiary developing countries. In a  
**Federal Register** notice dated August  
13, 1997 (62 FR 43408), USTR  
announced the acceptance of product  
petitions for review and in a subsequent  
notice dated September 4, 1997 (62 FR  
46792) USTR announced deadlines for  
hearings and submissions related to  
them.

### I. Subject of reviews

USTR has accepted one petition for a  
waiver of the competitive need limit for  
the following article in addition to those  
petitions described in part C of the  
Annex to the **Federal Register** notice  
dated August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43408).

### PETITION FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE NEED LIMIT FOR A PRODUCT ON THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS FOR THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Case No.	HTS subheading	Article	Petitioner
97-26 .....	1701.11.10 (Brazil) .....	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form: Raw sugar not containing added flavoring or coloring matter Cane sugar: Described in additional U.S. note 5 to this chapter and entered pursuant to its provisions.	Sindicato da Industria do Azucar e do alcool do Estado de Pernambuco, Brazil.

## II. Opportunities For Public Comment And Inspection Of Comments And Notice Of Public Hearings

The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade  
Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) invites  
comments in support of, or in  
opposition to, any petition which is the  
subject of this notice. Submissions  
should comply with 15 CFR Part 2007,  
including sections 2007.0, and 2007.1.  
Instructions and dates for submitting  
statements, schedule of public hearings  
and requests to make statements at the  
public hearings should, with one  
exception, conform to the instructions  
in the **Federal Register** notice of  
September 4, 1997 (62 FR 46792). The  
one exception to these **Federal Register**  
instructions, and the final date of  
submitting statements on the product  
that is the subject of this notice and for  
requesting permission to make a  
statement on this product at the public  
hearing is not September 30, 1997, but  
has been set at 5:00 p.m. on October 10,  
1997.

**Frederick L. Montgomery,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under Office of Management and Budget Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of  
Transportation, as part of its continuing  
effort to reduce paperwork and  
respondent burden, invites the general  
public, grantee organizations, and State,  
local and other Federal agencies to  
comment on proposed and/or  
continuing information collections, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995 944, U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).  
The Act requires Federal agencies to  
publish notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each proposed  
extension of an existing collection, and  
to allow 60 days for public comment in  
response to the notice. The Department  
is currently seeking comments  
concerning collection requirements for  
grants to State and local governments,  
and for grants to institutions of higher  
learning, hospitals, and other nonprofit  
institutions.

**DATES:** Written comments should be  
received on or before November 24,  
1997 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments  
to Mr. Ladd Hakes, U.S. Department of  
Transportation (M-62), 400 Seventh  
Street SW., Washington, DC 20590.  
Written comments may be faxed to (202)  
366-7510. Identify comments regarding  
collection requirements for grants to  
State and local governments by the  
OMB Control Number 2105-0520.  
Identify comments regarding  
requirements for grants to institutions of  
higher learning, hospitals, and other  
nonprofit institutions by the OMB  
Control Number 2105-0531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr.  
Ladd Hakes, (202) 366-4268; refer to the  
control numbers above.

### ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Uniform Administrative  
Requirements for Grants and  
Cooperative Agreements to State and  
Local Governments.

*Forms:* SF 269, SF 270, SF 271, SF  
272, and SF 424.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0520.

*Affected Public:* State and local  
governments receiving Federal financial  
assistance from the Department of  
Transportation (DOT).

*Abstract:* Requirements for Federal  
administration of financial assistance to  
State and Local governments is

provided to affected Executive agencies via a common grant management rule, codified by DOT at 49 CFR part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local governments. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides management and oversight of the common rule. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy (70) annual burden hours per grantee for completion of required forms. This action initiates reinstatement of an existing paperwork clearance approval (OMB Number 2105-0520), which has expired.

**Annual Existing Burden:** The annual burden is 68,250 hours. **Number of respondents:** 975. **Total hours per respondent:** 70. This is a reduction from the existing 199,500 hours. DOT financial assistance programs requiring different, or additional reporting requirements from that of the common rule now report separately, and have their own separate OMB approval numbers.

**Title:** Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations

**Forms:** SF 269, SF 270, SF 271, SF 272, and SF 424.

**OMB Control Number:** 2105-0531.

**Expiration Date:** October 31, 1997.

The Department has submitted a request to OMB for an emergency extension to January 31, 1998.

**Affected Public:** Schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations receiving Federal financial assistance from DOT.

**Abstract:** Requirements for Federal administration of financial assistance to schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations is provided to affected Executive agencies via OMB Circular A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, with the Department has codified at 49 CFR part 19. OMB provides management and oversight of the circular. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy (70) annual burden hours per grantee for completion of required forms. This action initiates extension of an existing paperwork clearance approval (OMB Number 2105-0531).

These information collections are available for inspection at the Grants Management Division (M-62), Office of Acquisition and Grant Management, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Copies of 49 CFR parts 18 and 19 can be obtained from Mr.

Ladd Hakes at the address and phone number shown above.

Comments regarding both information collections are invited on: (a) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (b) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the requests for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 18, 1997.

**Robert G. Taylor,**

*Chief, Grants Management Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 97-062]

### Navigation Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) and its Committees on Human Factors, Navigation Equipment, Navigation Information, and Rules of the Road will meet to discuss various issues relating to commercial and recreational boat safety. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** NAVSAC Committees will meet on Wednesday, October 22, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. NAVSAC will meet on Thursday, October 23, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, October 24, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** NAVSAC will meet at the Queen and Crescent Hotel, 344 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. The Committees will meet at the same address. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Margie G. Hegy, Commandant (G-MOV-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margie G. Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC, telephone (202) 267-0415, fax (202) 267-4826, or Diane Schneider, NAVSAC Executive Secretary, telephone (202) 267-0352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### Agendas of Meetings

*Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC).* The agenda includes the following:

(1) Reports from Navigation Equipment, Human Factors, Navigation Information and Rules of the Road Committees.

(2) Update on the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Services program and Ports and Waterways Safety Systems (PAWSS) initiative.

(3) Merchant mariner licensing and training program changes.

(4) Facilitated discussion on mandatory recreational boater education and personal flotation device (PFD) wear.

(5) Update on Coast Guard Customer Satisfaction Survey.

(6) Update on National Waterways Management Plan development.

*Navigation Equipment Committee.* The agenda includes:

—Vessels that lose propulsion or experience steering problems during transit.

*Human Factors Committee.* The agenda includes:

—Master/pilot communication.

*Navigation Information Committee.* The agenda includes:

—Underkeel clearance.

*Rules of the Road Committee.* The agenda includes:

—Inland Rule 23(c)—Small boat compliance with vertical positioning and spacing of lights as specified in Annex I, § 84.03(d) of Inland Rules.

### Procedural

All sessions are open to the public. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than October 10, 1997. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Council or Committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than October 10, 1997.

### Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.