

Section 2B5.1(a) is amended by deleting "9" and inserting in lieu thereof "10".

Section 2B5.1(b)(1) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2B5.3(a) is amended by deleting "6" and inserting in lieu thereof "7".

Section 2B5.3(b)(1) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2B6.1(a) is amended by deleting "8" and inserting in lieu thereof "9".

Section 2B6.1(b)(1) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2C1.1(a) is amended by deleting "10" and inserting in lieu thereof "11".

Section 2C1.1(b)(2)(A) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2C1.2(a) is amended by deleting "7" and inserting in lieu thereof "8".

Section 2C1.2(b)(2)(A) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2C1.6(a) is amended by deleting "7" and inserting in lieu thereof "8".

Section 2C1.6(b)(1) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2C1.7(a) is amended by deleting "10" and inserting in lieu thereof "11".

Section 2C1.7(b)(1)(A) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2Q2.1(a) is amended by deleting "6" and inserting in lieu thereof "7".

Section 2Q2.1(b)(3)(A) is amended by deleting "\$2,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Section 2B4.1 (Bribery in Procurement of Bank Loan and Other Commercial Bribery)(Addendum to Proposed Amendment #12 in the Guideline Amendments for Public Comment—Part I, 62 FR 151, Dated January 2, 1997)

13. Synopsis of Proposed Amendment: In the January 2, 1997 Federal Register notice, the Commission published an amendment to § 2B1.1(b)(6)(B) and § 2F1.1(b)(6)(B). That amendment (amendment 12) addresses the difficulty in interpreting the meaning of "affected a financial institution and the defendant derived more than \$1,000,000 in gross receipts from the offense." This amendment makes conforming changes to § 2B4.1 (Bribery in Procurement of Bank Loan and Other Commercial Bribery), which

also contains an enhancement to cover instances when the defendant's conduct "affected a financial institution and the defendant derived more than \$1,000,000 in gross receipts from the offense."

Section 2B4.1 is amended in subsection (b)(2) by deleting "—" immediately following "offense"; by deleting "(A)"; by deleting "or" immediately following "institution" and inserting in lieu thereof ","; by deleting subsection (b)(2)(B) in its entirety; and by inserting the following additional subsection:

"(3) If (A) obtaining or retaining the gross receipts of one or more financial institutions was an object of the offense, (B) the defendant derived more than \$1,000,000 in gross receipts from such institutions, and (C) the offense level as determined above is less than level 24, increase to level 24."

The Commentary to § 2B4.1 captioned "Application Notes" is amended in the first sentence of Note 5 by deleting "from the offense" immediately following "receipts"; by deleting "(2)(B)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(3)"; by deleting "generally"; by deleting the second sentence in its entirety; and by deleting "See 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(4)."; and by inserting the following as the first sentence:

"For purposes of subsection (b)(3), 'gross receipts' means any moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, or other real or personal property, whether tangible or intangible, owned by, or under the custody or control of, a financial institution, that are obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offense. See 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(4), 1344."

The Commentary to § 2B4.1 captioned "Background" is amended in the seventh paragraph by deleting "Subsection" and inserting in lieu thereof "Subsections"; by deleting "(A)" and inserting in lieu thereof "and (b)(3)"; by deleting "implements" and inserting in lieu thereof "implement"; by deleting "instruction" and inserting in lieu thereof "instructions"; and by inserting "and section 2507 of Public Law 101-647, respectively" immediately following "101-73".

The Commentary to § 2B4.1 captioned "Background" is amended by deleting the last paragraph in its entirety.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendation

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before April 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S. W., Suite 5000, Washington, D.C. 20416. Phone Number: 202-205-6629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Request From Borrower".

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Form No.: SBA Form 770.

Description of Respondents: Recipients of SBA Loans.

Annual Responses: 161,000.

Annual Burden: 281,750.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Annie McCluney, Program Analyst, Office of Borrower and Lender Servicing, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S. W., Suite 8300 Washington, D.C. 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-7545. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

Title: "Survey on the Effects of Bank Mergers and Acquisitions on Small Business Lending in the United States".

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

Form No.: SBA Form 1981.

Description of Respondents: Banks Involved in Mergers or Acquisitions.

Annual Responses: 235.

Annual Burden: 117.

Comments: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Charles Ou, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 7800 Washington, D.C. 20416. Phone No. 202-205-6966.

Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

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Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN) will hold a meeting on March 6, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Marcy 6, 1997, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel in the Chandelier Room, located at 16th and K Streets, Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanna Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACTPN will hold a meeting on March 6, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that part of this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. During the discussion of such matters, the meeting will be closed to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to

the public and press from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. when other trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Charlene Barshefsky,

*United States Trade Representative—
Designate.*

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Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on the Accessions of Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the World Trade Organization (WTO), and on U.S. Participation in Negotiations for the Terms of Those Accessions

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written public comments concerning U.S. commercial interests and other issues related to the accessions of Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the WTO. Public comments should include, but not be limited to, information concerning those countries' current trade policies and practices which affect (A) market access for U.S. exports, e.g., tariffs, non-tariff measures; (B) trade and investment in services, (C) other aspects of the trade regime affecting U.S. trade interests subject to WTO provisions, and (D) conditions or practices that impair the ability of WTO provisions to be applied on a reciprocal basis in these countries' trade regimes. Comments received will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for the multilateral and bilateral negotiations that will determine the terms of WTO accession for Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the World Trade Organization.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon on Friday, March 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Chattin, Director for Tariff Negotiations (202-395-5097), Peter Collins, Deputy Assistant USTR for Services and Investment (202-395-7271) or Cecilia Leahy Klein, Director

for WTO Accessions (202-395-9437), Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the Trade Policy Staff Committee invites written comments from the public on market access and other issues to be addressed in the course of negotiations with Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the WTO. Each of these countries have already tabled the documentation necessary to begin the process of accession. Jordan and Vanuatu have already completed their first working party meetings, and first working party meetings are scheduled during the first half of 1997 for Algeria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, and Seychelles. The terms of WTO membership for these countries will be negotiated with WTO Members bilaterally and in meetings of the Working Parties established by the Members of the WTO to conduct negotiations.

All comments received will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for participation in these negotiations, which will establish schedules of commitments and concessions in the areas of agriculture, industrial goods, and trade and investment in services, and will develop elements of the protocols of accession for Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the WTO.

The Committee is seeking public comments on the possible affect on U.S. trade of the accessions of Algeria, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Oman, Seychelles and Vanuatu to the WTO, with reference to tariffs applied to imports and any other trade measures currently applied by those countries that could be subject to the provisions of the WTO; particularly market access issues for goods and services, or practices that could affect the competitiveness of U.S. goods and services in those markets. Issues of interest to the TPSC include, but are not limited to: (a) Comments on possible tariff reductions and the removal of border measures such as quotas or import licensing requirements; (b) uniform application of the trading system and access to the right to trade; (c) the provision of national treatment and nondiscriminatory treatment for imports, especially in the area of domestic taxation; (d) transparency in application of trade laws and regulations; (e) right of appeal in cases involving application of trade laws and other laws relating to WTO provisions, such as protection and enforcement of