

Security Income (SSI) youth with disabilities, SSA awarded a Cooperative Agreement contract in accordance with E.O. 13078 in September of 1999. The project is designed to teach disabled school-age children, who live in an urban setting, that preparation for employment must begin at an early age to have maximum effect. Health care professionals and service providers from partnering agencies will be trained to prepare and implement 1,000 individualized transition plans for SSI recipients in the District of Columbia, between the ages of 11 and 21. Of those SSI youth with transition plans, 150 will be given direct vocational rehabilitation and follow-up services through the AERC, such as career counseling, interest and ability testing, job-seeking skills training, post-secondary education counseling, parent counseling, and mentor programs.

Information Collection

AERC counselors will collect information from project participants through personal interviews. The data will provide information on the need for and use of comprehensive transition services, the utilization and efficiency of transition services, the cost effectiveness of transition services, and the value of program replication. This will contribute significantly to SSA's knowledge about transitioning youth with disabilities to employment and adult activities. Respondents are disabled school-aged SSI recipients in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area identified to participate in the project.

Number of Respondents: 1000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

3. 0960-NEW. Medical Parking Permit Application. SSA issues medical parking assignments at SSA-owned and leased facilities to individuals who have a medical condition that meets the criteria for medical parking. In order to issue a medical parking permit, SSA must obtain medical evidence from the applicant's physician. SSA uses the information to determine whether the individual qualifies for a medical parking permit and to issue the permit. The respondents are physicians of applicants for medical parking permits.

Physician

Number of Respondents: 144.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 144 hours.

4. 0960-NEW. Authorization for Source to Release Information to the Social Security Administration (SSA).

SSA must obtain sufficient medical evidence to make eligibility determinations for Social Security disability benefits and SSI payments. For SSA to obtain medical evidence, an applicant must authorize his or her medical source(s) to release the information to SSA. The applicant may use one of the forms SSA-827, SSA-827-OP1 or SSA-827-OP2 to provide consent for the release of information. Generally, the State Disability Determination Services completes the form(s), based on information provided by the applicant, and sends the form(s) to the designated medical source(s).

Number of Respondents: 3,853,928.

Frequency of Response (Average per case): 4.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 770,786 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed at the end of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. 0960-NEW. Student Statement Regarding School Attendance. The information on Form SSA-1372-TEST is needed to determine whether children of an insured worker are eligible for benefits as a student. SSA will conduct a limited trial of the revised SSA-1372 (Student Statement Regarding School Attendance) designed as SSA-1372-TEST. This limited test will study the efficacy and usability of the new format. Results of the testing will formulate SSA's decision to reject, modify or institute the revised form. The respondents are student claimants for Social Security benefits and their respective schools.

Number of respondents: 2,000.

Number of Response: 1.

Average burden per response: 10.

Estimated Annual Burden: 333.

(SSA Address): Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235, (OMB Address): Office of Management and Budget, OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

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Director, Center for Publications Management, Social Security Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3319]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Distant Shores: The Odyssey of Rockwell Kent"

AGENCY: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Distant Shores: The Odyssey of Rockwell Kent" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA, from June 24, 2000 through October 29, 2000, the Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala, FL from November 18, 2000 through January 28, 2001, the Terra Museum of American Art in Chicago, IL from February 24, 2001 through May 20, 2001 and the Anchorage Museum of History and Art in Anchorage, AK from June 17, 2001 through September 23, 2001 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: May 19, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-186]

WTO Consultations Regarding Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that the European Communities ("EC") has requested consultations with the United States under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), regarding section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) and the related rules of practice and procedure of the International Trade Commission contained in chapter II of Title 19 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. The EC alleges that section 337 is inconsistent with Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994") and Articles 2 (in conjunction with Article 2 of the Paris Convention), 3, 9 (in conjunction with Article 5 of the Berne Convention), 27, 41, 42, 49, 50, and 51 of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights ("TRIPS Agreement"). A first round of consultations with the EC was held on February 28, 2000, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Government of Canada and the Government of Japan participated as third parties. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before June 30 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to the Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: Section 337 Dispute, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda K. Schnare, Associate General

Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. Consistent with this obligation, but in an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested by the EC concerning whether section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 is inconsistent with the United States' obligations under GATT 1994 and the TRIPS Agreement. The EC has not requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel. If the EC decides to proceed to a dispute settlement panel, under normal circumstances, the panel, which will hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the European Communities

Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) addresses unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation and sale of products in the United States, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry, prevent the establishment of such an industry, or restrain or monopolize trade and commerce in the United States. However, in cases of alleged infringement of a valid and enforceable U.S. patent, registered trademark, copyright, or mask work, there is no injury requirement.

In 1989, a GATT panel established at the request of the EC concluded that section 337 was inconsistent with GATT Article III. Subsequently, section 337 was amended by the URAA to bring it into conformity with the findings of the GATT panel report.

In January 2000, the EC requested consultations with the United States under certain WTO agreements regarding section 337. The EC's consultation request alleged that the amendments to section 337 failed to bring it into compliance with the GATT and that section 337 continues to provide less favorable treatment to imported goods than to domestic goods in violation of GATT Article III. The EC's consultation request also alleged that section 337 is inconsistent with Articles 2 (in conjunction with Article

2 of the Paris Convention), 3, 9 (in conjunction with Article 5 of the Berne Convention), 27, 41, 42, 49, 50, and 51 of the TRIPS Agreement. A first round of consultations with the EC was held in February 2000 in Geneva, Switzerland. The EC has not requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel, but maintains the right to do so.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

Information or advice contained in a comment submitted, other than business confidential information, may be determined by USTR to be confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)). If the submitter believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitter—

(1) Must so designate the information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, to the panel received from other participants in the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel, and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/D-186, Section 337 Dispute) may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-