

proposals for additional water use access and residential development if it could be shown that the loss of public shoreline was offset by a gain in shoreline resource amenities and public value. TVA's overall goal in implementing this strategy would be to maintain and improve environmental integrity, maintain and enhance public benefits from reservoir lands, and keep the projected maximum residential buildout level at 38 percent of the shoreline length for the Tennessee Valley region.

In 1981, TVA published a land allocation plan for Pickwick Reservoir. The Pickwick Reservoir Plan allocated the tract on Lower Anderson Branch (Planned Tract 1, 12 acres) as open space and the tract on Haw Branch (Planned Tract 2, 36 acres) as open space and a safety harbor. These tracts are located in Hardin County, Tennessee on the right bank near Tennessee River Mile (TRM) 210.0.

After reviewing TVA's Shoreline Management decision, MLC made a request for fee transfer of Planned Tract 1 (Lower Anderson Branch) and Planned Tract 2 (Haw Branch) in exchange for approximately 160 acres of MLC-owned land. TVA solicited comments on this proposal through a public notice in July 2000. The response to this notice indicated that there were concerns over whether the project was an equitable trade and whether the exchange would be environmentally beneficial. In addition, the initial environmental evaluation has revealed concerns over the impacts of exchanging highly visible public land on the main reservoir for lands at the back of a cove. Because of the potential environmental benefits of a gain in public land on lower Pickwick Reservoir, TVA has decided to continue consideration of this request. However, because of concerns about the significance of the impacts should residential development occur on the two tracts proposed for exchange, TVA has elected to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to better understand the impacts of the proposal.

At this time, TVA anticipates that three alternatives would be analyzed in the EIS. Under No Action, TVA would not amend the Pickwick Reservoir Plan and would not exchange the two tracts of TVA land. A second alternative would consider the original request by the developer for 48 acres of TVA land in exchange for approximately 122 acres of privately-owned property in Haw Branch. A third alternative would consider the developer's request and mitigation measures to reduce environmental impacts. This would

include 22 acres of TVA in exchange for 164 acres of privately-owned property, along with 50-foot shoreline buffer management zones and community water-use facilities.

Based on the results of the previous public meeting and subsequent public comments, TVA anticipates that the EIS will include discussion of the potential effects of alternatives on the following resources and issue areas: visual resources, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, terrestrial ecology, wetlands, recreation, water quality, aquatic ecology, and socioeconomic. Other issues which may be discussed, depending on the potential impacts of the alternatives, include floodplains and air quality.

TVA is interested in receiving additional comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be received on or before November 30, 2000. Following completion of the Draft EIS, an additional opportunity to review and comment on the proposal will be provided at that time.

Dated: October 24, 2000.

Kathryn J. Jackson,

Executive Vice President River System Operations & Environment.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice Regarding Possible Changes to Product Eligibility for India

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a process for considering changes to the product eligibility list for India under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; lists the schedule for the public hearing that is part of this process, for requesting participation in the hearing and for submitting pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP program grants duty-free treatment to designated eligible articles that are imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program

is authorized by Title V the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*), and administered in accordance with GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) which provide for a review of product eligibility. This notice requests public comment on possible changes in the GSP product eligibility list for India through the redesignation and waiver of "competitive need limitations" (CNLs) for the articles included in the annex to this notice. Authorization for granting CNL waivers is set forth in section 503(d) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2464(d)). GSP benefits also may be abridged. In making such a determination the President may consider several factors, one of which is whether the country offers reasonable and equitable market access for U.S. goods and services (19 U.S.C. 2462(c)(4)). Since the process for curtailing benefits does not involve advice from the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) and is therefore shorter, the public is advised that, under the current market conditions, comment on will be sought early next year on whether to restrict certain GSP benefits now enjoyed by India. The specific tariff headings to be considered will be circulated early next year.

It is expected that decisions on both issues will be made on or about April 1, 2001. Each process will be conducted to meet that timetable.

Opportunities for Public Comment and Inspection of Comments

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of, or in opposition to, the redesignations and CNL waivers which are the subject of this notice. Submissions should comply with 15 CFR part 2007, including §§ 2007.0, and 2007.1. All submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the current Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") nomenclature.

Comments should be submitted in fourteen (14) copies in English, to the chairman of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. Information submitted will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR public reading room, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. If the document contains confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with an original

and fourteen (14) copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, any document containing confidential information should be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The version that does not contain confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of every page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). Comments should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on December 6, 2000.

Notice of Public Hearings

Hearings will be held on January 5, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC

20508. The hearings will be open to the public and a transcript of the hearings will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to present oral testimony at the hearings must submit the name, address, and telephone number of the witnesses representing their organization to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee. Such requests to present oral testimony at the public hearings should be accompanied by fourteen (14) copies, in English, of a written brief or statement, and should be received by 5 p.m. on December 6, 2000. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five minute presentations that summarize or supplement information

contained in the briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing and rebuttal briefs or statements should conform to the regulations cited above and be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, no later than 5 p.m. February 2, 2001. Interested persons not wishing to appear at the public hearings may also submit pre-hearing written briefs or statements by 5 p.m. on December 6, 2000, and post-hearing and rebuttal written briefs or statements by February 2, 2001. Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report prepared as part of the product review should be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, by 5 p.m. on February 28, 2001.

Jon Rosenbaum,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Trade and Development.

ANNEX

HTS sub-heading	Article
[The bracketed language in this Annex has been included only to clarify the scope of the numbered subheadings which are being considered, and such language is not itself intended to describe articles which are under consideration.]	
Waiver of the competitive need limits for India for certain products on the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences.	
Articles of jewelry and parts thereof, of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal;	
Of precious metal whether or not plated or clad with precious metal:	
[Of silver, whether or not plated or clad with other precious metal]	
Of other precious metal, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal:	
[Rope, curb, cable, chain and similar articles produced in continuous lengths, all the foregoing, whether or not cut to specific lengths and whether or not set with imitation pearls or imitation gemstones, suitable for use in the manufacture of articles provided for in this heading]	
Other:	
Necklaces and neck chains, of gold:	
[Rope]	
7113.19.25	Mixed link.
7113.19.29	Other.
[Clasps and parts thereof]	
7113.19.50	Other.
Table, kitchen or other household articles and parts thereof, of copper; pot scourers and scouring or polishing pads, gloves and the like, of copper; sanitary ware and parts thereof, of copper:	
Table, kitchen or other household articles and parts thereof, pot scourers and scouring or polishing pads, gloves and the like:	
[Pot scourers and scouring or polishing pads, gloves and the like]	
Other:	
7418.19.10	Coated or plated with precious metals:
Lamps and lighting fittings including searchlights and spotlights and parts thereof, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated nameplates and the like, having a permanently fixed light source, and parts thereof not elsewhere specified or included:	
Non-electrical lamps and lighting fittings.	
[Incandescent lamps designed to be operated by propane or other gas, or by compressed air and kerosene or gasoline]	
Other:	
9405.50.30	Of brass

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-8033]

Notice of Request for Comments on Renewing the Approval for an Information Collection: Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This action informs the public that FMCSA intends to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew approval for the information collection required by the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. That information consists of grant application preparation, quarterly reports, and electronic data documenting the results of driver/vehicle inspections performed by the states. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: You must submit comments by January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Be sure to include the docket number appearing in the heading of this document on your comment. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you would like to be notified when your comment is received, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James D. McCauley, (202) 366-0133, Office of Safety Programs, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program.

OMB Number: 2126-0010.

Background: Sections 401-404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA) established a program of financial assistance to states for the purpose of implementing programs to enforce (a) Federal rules, regulations, standards, and orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle safety; and (b) compatible state rules, regulations, standards, and orders. This grant-in-aid program is known as the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) added programs, such as drug interdiction, traffic enforcement, and size and weight activities to the core program established by the STAA.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) further revised the MCSAP by broadening its purpose beyond enforcement activities and programs by requiring participating states to assume greater responsibility for improving motor carrier safety. The TEA-21 required states to develop performance-based plans reflecting national priorities and performance goals, revised the MCSAP funding distribution formula, and created a new incentive funding program. As a result, States are given greater flexibility in designing programs to address national and State goals for reducing the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) accidents. The implementing regulations were published in a final rule in the March 21, 2000, **Federal Register** at 65 FR 15092.

In order to qualify for a grant, participating states must submit a Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP). After the grant is awarded, states must submit inspection data and quarterly reports explaining work activities and accomplishments. The FMCSA monitors and evaluates a state's progress under its approved CVSP. The agency also determines whether a change in the state's level of effort is required to meet the intended objectives of the CVSP. If a state fails to operate within the guidelines of the approved CVSP or does not remedy any identified deficiencies or incompatibilities in a timely manner, the FMCSA may cease participation in that state's CVSP. This information collection provides the basis for these responsibilities and decisions.

The quarterly report and inspection data are collected electronically. States continue to submit the CVSP in hard copy. The estimated annual burden for this collection has been significantly reduced due to increased use of information technology.

Respondents: State and local MCSAP lead agencies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Grant application preparation: 832 hours; quarterly report preparation: 333 hours; inspection data upload: 6,667 hours. The above figures reflect 20 percent of the total estimated hours to perform the activities listed since MCSAP reimburses up to 80 percent of the eligible costs incurred in the administration of an approved plan as set forth in 49 CFR 350.303, 350.309 and 350.311.

Public Comments Invited: We invite you to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FMCSA, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected.

Electronic Access and Filing: You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Docket Management System (DMS) at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and WordPerfect (versions 7 to 8). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the web site.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Offices's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Clyde J. Hart, Jr.,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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