

STATE DEPARTMENT**[Public Notice: 9687]****Foreign Affairs Policy Board Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the Department of State announces a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Policy Board to take place on September 13, 2016, at the Department of State, Washington, DC.

The Foreign Affairs Policy Board reviews and assesses: (1) Global threats and opportunities; (2) trends that implicate core national security interests; (3) tools and capacities of the civilian foreign affairs agencies; and (4) priorities and strategic frameworks for U.S. foreign policy. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 10(d), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), it has been determined that this meeting will be closed to the public as the Board will be reviewing and discussing matters properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526.

For more information, contact Adam Lusin at (202) 736-7308.

Dated: August 15, 2016.

Adam Lusin,

Designated Federal Officer.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council**

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The TVA Regional Resource Stewardship Council (RRSC) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, and Wednesday, September 21, 2016, to consider various matters.

The RRSC was established to advise TVA on its natural resource stewardship activities. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Introductions
2. Updates on Natural Resources and River Management Issues
3. Presentations regarding TVA's Comprehensive Land Planning Process and Seven States Water Partnership
4. Public Comments
5. Council Discussion

The RRSC will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session starting at 9:00 a.m. EDT, on Wednesday, September 21, TVA will provide time limits for public comment once registered. Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door by 8:00 a.m., EDT, on Wednesday, September 21, and will be called on during the public comment period. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-9 D, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., EDT, and Wednesday, September 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn World's Fair Park, 525 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbie Perdue, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-9 D, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-6113.

Dated: August 17, 2016.

Joseph J. Hoagland,

Vice President, Enterprise Relations & Innovation, Tennessee Valley Authority.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2016-2013]

2016 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets: Request for Comments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) requests written comments identifying Internet and physical markets based outside the United States that should be included in the 2016 Notorious Markets List (List). In 2010, USTR began publishing the Notorious Markets List separately from the annual Special 301 Report as an "Out-of-Cycle Review." The List identifies online and physical marketplaces that reportedly engage in and facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting.

DATES: Written comments are due by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on October 7, 2016. Rebuttal or other information to be considered during the review is due by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on October 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section II below. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact USTR at Special301@ustr.eop.gov before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Peterson, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at special301@ustr.eop.gov. You can find information about the Special 301 Review, including the Notorious Markets List, at www.ustr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The United States is concerned with trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy on a commercial scale because they cause significant financial losses for rights holders, legitimate businesses and governments, undermine critical U.S. comparative advantages in innovation and creativity to the detriment of American workers, and potentially pose significant risks to consumer health and safety as well as privacy and security. The Notorious Markets List identifies select online and physical marketplaces that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting.

Beginning in 2006, USTR identified notorious markets in the annual Special 301 Report. In 2010, pursuant to the Administration's 2010 Joint Strategic Plan on Intellectual Property Enforcement, USTR announced that it would begin publishing the List as an Out-of-Cycle Review, separately from the annual Special 301 Report. USTR published the first List in February 2011. USTR develops the annual List based upon public comments solicited through the **Federal Register** and in consultation with other Federal agencies that serve on the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

The United States encourages owners and operators of markets reportedly involved in piracy and counterfeiting to adopt business models that rely on the licensed distribution of legitimate content and products and to work with rights holders and enforcement officials

to address infringement. USTR also encourages responsible government authorities to intensify their efforts to investigate reports of piracy and counterfeiting in such markets, and to pursue appropriate enforcement actions. The List does not purport to reflect findings of legal violations, nor does it reflect the United States Government's analysis of the general intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and enforcement climate in the country or countries concerned. For an analysis of the IPR climate in particular countries, please refer to the annual Special 301 Report, published each spring no later than 30 days after USTR submits the National Trade Estimate to Congress.

II. Public Comments

A. Content of Comments

USTR invites written comments concerning examples of Internet and physical notorious markets, including foreign trade zones that allegedly facilitate substantial trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy.

To receive full consideration, written comments should be as detailed as possible. Comments must clearly identify the market and the reasons why the commenter believes that the market should be included in the List. Commenters should include the following information, as applicable:

- If a physical market, the market's name and location, *e.g.*, common name, street address, neighborhood, shopping district, city, etc., and the identity of the principal owners/operators.
- if an online market:
 - The domain name(s) past and present, available registration information, and name(s) and location(s) of the hosting provider(s) and operator(s).
 - information on the volume of Internet traffic associated with the Web site, including number of visitors and page views, average time spent on the site, estimate of the number of infringing goods offered, sold or traded and number of infringing files streamed, shared, seeded, leached, downloaded, uploaded or otherwise distributed or reproduced, and global or country popularity rating (*e.g.*, Alexa rank).
 - revenue sources such as sales, subscriptions, donations, upload incentives, or advertising and the methods by which that revenue is collected.
 - whether the market is owned, operated or otherwise affiliated with a government entity.
 - types of counterfeit or pirated products or services sold, traded,

distributed or otherwise made available at that market.

- volume of counterfeit or pirated goods or services or other indicia of a market's scale, reach or relative significance in a given geographic area or with respect to a category of goods or services.
- estimates of economic harm to the rights holder resulting from the piracy or counterfeiting and a description of the methodology used to calculate the harm.
- whether the infringing goods or services sold, traded, distributed or made available pose a risk to public health or safety.
- any known contractual, civil, administrative or criminal enforcement activity against the market and the outcome of that enforcement activity.
- additional actions taken by the market owners or operators to remove, limit or discourage the availability of counterfeit or pirated goods or services, including policies to prevent or remove access to such goods or services, or to disable seller or user accounts; the effectiveness of market policies and guidelines in addressing counterfeiting and piracy; and the level of cooperation with right holders and law enforcement.
- any additional information relevant to the review.

B. Instructions for Submitting Comments

Comments must be in English. To ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically, using the www.regulations.gov Web site. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter Docket Number USTR–2016–2013 on the home page and click “Search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find the reference to this notice and click on the button labeled “Comment Now!” For further information on using the www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use Regulations.gov” on the bottom of the home page.

The www.regulations.gov Web site allows users to provide comments by filling in a “Comment” field, or by attaching a document using an “Upload File” field. USTR prefers that comments be provided as an attached document. If a document is attached, please type “2016 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets” in the “Comment” field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If

the submission is in another file format, please indicate the name of the software application in the “Comment” field. File names should reflect the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files.

For any comments submitted that contains business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC”. Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” on the top of that page and the submission should clearly indicate, via brackets, highlighting, or other means, the specific information that is business confidential. A filer requesting business confidential treatment must certify that the information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Additionally, the submitter should type “Business Confidential 2016 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets” in the “Comment” field.

Filers of comments containing business confidential information also must submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character “P”. The “BC” and “P” should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. The non-business confidential version will be placed in the docket at www.regulations.gov and be available for public inspection.

As noted, USTR strongly urges commenters to submit comments through www.regulations.gov. Any alternative arrangements must be made before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline by contacting USTR at Special301@ustr.eop.gov.

Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection, except business confidential information. Comments may be viewed on the www.regulations.gov Web site by entering Docket Number USTR–2016–

2013 in the “Search” field on the home page.

Probir Mehta,

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP): Notice of Initiation of the 2016/
2017 Annual GSP Product and Country
Practices Review; Travel Goods
Supplemental Comment Period and
Hearing; Deadlines for Filing Petitions**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and request for petitions and comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is prepared to receive petitions to modify the list of articles that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program and to modify the GSP status of certain GSP beneficiary developing countries because of country practices. USTR also is prepared to receive petitions requesting waivers of competitive need limitations (CNLs). In addition, USTR is seeking public comments and will convene a public hearing to receive additional information and stakeholder views regarding the potential addition of travel and luggage goods products for more economically advanced GSP beneficiary countries.

DATES: In order to be considered in the 2016/2017 Annual GSP Review, the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) must receive petitions by the following deadlines:

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country.

Friday, December 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m.: Petitions requesting waivers of CNLs.

USTR will not consider petitions submitted after these deadlines. Decisions on which petitions are accepted for review, along with a schedule for any related public hearings and the opportunity for the public to provide comments, will be announced at a later date.

Travel Goods Supplemental Comment Period and Hearing

A supplemental comment period and hearing will be held to give stakeholders the opportunity to submit further information with respect to the possible addition of travel and luggage goods items as eligible articles for more advanced Beneficiary Developing Countries (BDCs). This will supplement information collected during the 2015/2016 Annual Review. The schedule for the hearing and public comments is as follows:

Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.: Deadline for submission of comments, pre-hearing briefs and requests to appear at the hearing.

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 9:30 a.m.: The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC will convene a public hearing on travel and luggage goods in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW., Washington DC 20508.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m.: Deadline for submission of post-hearing comments or briefs.

ADDRESSES: You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. The docket number for the 2016/2017 Annual GSP Review is USTR–2016–0009. The docket number for the Travel Goods Supplemental Comment Period and Hearing is USTR–2015–0013. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. If an interested party is unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact Naomi Freeman at (202) 395–2974 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman at (202) 395–2974 or GSP@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (Trade Act), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

I. The 2016/2017 Annual GSP Review

GSP Product Review Petitions: Any interested party, including foreign governments, may submit petitions to:

(1) Designate additional articles as eligible for GSP benefits, including to designate articles as eligible for GSP benefits only if imported from countries

designated as least-developed beneficiary developing countries, or only from countries designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA);

(2) Withdraw, suspend or limit the application of duty-free treatment accorded under the GSP with respect to any article; and

(3) Otherwise modify GSP coverage.

Petitioners seeking to add products to eligibility for GSP benefits should note that, as provided in section 503(b) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2463(b)), certain articles may not be designated as eligible articles under GSP.

As specified in 15 CFR 2007.1, all petitions must include a detailed description of the product and the eight-digit subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under which the product is classified.

Country Practices Review Petitions:

Any interested party may submit a petition to review the GSP eligibility of any beneficiary developing country with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) and 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)).

Competitive Need Limitations: Any interested party may submit a petition seeking a waiver of the 2016 CNL for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles (these limits do not apply to least-developed beneficiary developing countries or AGOA beneficiary countries). Before submitting petitions for CNL waivers, prospective petitioners may wish to review the 2016 year-to-date import trade data for products of interest. This data is available via the U.S. International Trade Commission's “Dataweb” database at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov/>. For more information on CNLs and how they apply to the GSP program, please visit the GSP page of the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/trade-development/preference-programs/generalized-system-preference-gsp>.

II. Travel Goods Supplemental Comment Period and Hearing

On June 30, 2016, the President designated certain travel and luggage goods articles as eligible for duty-free treatment to least-developed beneficiary developing countries (LDBDCs) and AGOA beneficiary countries. A decision regarding other, generally more advanced, beneficiary countries was deferred. In making any decision with regard to the provision of duty-free treatment for any eligible article from