

Under our prior listings 11.02 and 11.03, and SSR 87–6, we evaluated epilepsy according to the type, frequency, duration, and sequelae of seizures.<sup>1</sup> If the claimant was following prescribed treatment and his or her epilepsy did not meet or medically equal the requirements of the listings, we would assess his or her residual functional capacity and evaluate the claimant's impairments under the remaining steps of the sequential evaluation process.

SSR 87–6 provided guidance to adjudicators on the role of prescribed treatment in the evaluation of epilepsy. The SSR stated the file must contain adequate information regarding the history of the treatment regimen and the claimant's response to it, and a satisfactory description of the treatment regimen by the treating physician. The SSR also required a record of anticonvulsant blood levels before we could allow a claim. Under SSR 87–6, without an ongoing treating relationship, we could not find the claimant's impairment to meet or medically equal the listing for epilepsy. When anticonvulsant blood levels were low, information obtained from the treating physician should explain why the levels were low and include the results of any relevant diagnostic studies.

On July 1, 2016, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule, Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Neurological Disorders, in which we incorporated the portions of SSR 87–6 that continue to be relevant to the treatment of epilepsy. 81 FR 43048, 43049 (2016). The final rule became effective September 29, 2016. *Id.*, at 43048. Consequently, we are rescinding SSR 87–6 as obsolete.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 96.001, Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002, Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004, Social Security—Survivors Insurance; 96.006—Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: February 28, 2017.

**Nancy A. Berryhill,**

*Acting Commissioner of Social Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 9908]

#### **Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation—Notice of Cancellation of Previously Scheduled Open Meeting for 2017**

*Summary:* The meeting of the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation originally scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2017, in Washington, DC at the State Department, 2300 E Street NW., has been canceled. It is expected that the next Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting will be held at the State Department in May.

Further questions can be directed to Julie Fort ([FortJL@state.gov](mailto:FortJL@state.gov)) Designated Federal Officer for the HAC.

**Julie L. Fort,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 9907]

#### **Shipping Coordinating Committee Notice of Renewal of Charter**

*Summary:* The Department of State has renewed the Charter for the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) without significant substantive change. Through this Committee, the Department of State will continue to obtain the views and advice of the general public, industry, non-governmental organizations, and interested government agencies in the maritime and related fields, on issues related to maritime security, safety of life at sea, and protection of the marine environment considered by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and other matters relating to international maritime shipping. The Under Secretary for Management has determined the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee follows the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) that a meeting or portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting, unless there are

extraordinary circumstances that require shorter notice.

*For further information, please contact:* Lieutenant Commander Jonathan W. Burby, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, U.S. Department of State, Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs, at [burbyjw@state.gov](mailto:burbyjw@state.gov) or by telephone at 202–647–3946. A copy of the Committee charter may also be obtained by accessing the FACA database maintained by the General Services Administration: <http://facadatabase.gov/>.

**Jonathan W. Burby,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### [Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 20)]

#### **Railroad Cost of Capital—2016**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's 2016 cost of capital.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's cost of capital for 2016. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: The railroads' 2016 current cost of debt capital; the railroads' 2016 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); the railroads' 2016 cost of common equity capital; and the 2016 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis. Comments should focus on the various cost of capital components listed above using the same methodology followed in *Railroad Cost of Capital—2015*, EP 558 (Sub-No. 19) (STB served Aug. 5, 2016).

**DATES:** Notices of intent to participate are due by March 30, 2017. Statements of the railroads are due by April 20, 2017. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 11, 2017. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by June 1, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing system or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's Web site, at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 20), 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

<sup>1</sup> 20 CFR part 404, subpart P, app. 1, § 11.00A (2016).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's decision is posted on the Board's Web site, <http://www.stb.gov>. Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 10704(a)

Decided: February 27, 2017.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Elliott, and Miller.

**Marline Simeon,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2016-2009]

### 2016/2017 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Annual Product Review: Notice of Availability of Annual Statistics, Acceptance of Public Comments and Withdrawal of Certain Petitions

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is announcing the availability of full 2016 calendar year import statistics relating to competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. USTR will accept public comments submitted by March 22, 2017, regarding: (1) Possible *de minimis* CNL waivers; and (2) possible redesignations of articles currently not eligible for GSP benefits because they previously exceeded the CNL thresholds. USTR also is announcing the withdrawal by the petitioners of certain previously accepted CNL waiver petitions.

**DATES:** Written comments are due by midnight, Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> using docket number USTR-2016-0009. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. For alternatives to on-

line submissions, please contact USTR at [gsp@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:gsp@ustr.eop.gov) before transmitting a comment and in advance of the deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Naomi Freeman, Director for GSP, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-2974 and the email address is [gsp@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:gsp@ustr.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Statutory Provisions Related to CNLs**

The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries (BDCs). The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (1974 Act). Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two CNLs. When the President determines that a BDC exported to the United States during a calendar year either: (1) A quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that year (\$175 million for 2016), or (2) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (the "50 percent" CNL), the President must terminate GSP duty-free treatment for that article from that BDC by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year, unless a waiver is granted.

*De minimis* waivers: Under section 503(c)(2)(F) of the 1974 Act, the President may waive the 50 percent CNL with respect to an eligible article imported from a BDC if the value of total imports of that article from all countries during the calendar year did not exceed the applicable *de minimis* amount for that year (\$23 million for 2016).

*Redesignations:* Under section 503(c)(2)(C) of the 1974 Act, if imports of an eligible article from a BDC ceased to receive duty-free treatment due to exceeding a CNL in a prior year, the President may, subject to the considerations in sections 501 and 502 of the 1974 Act, redesignate such an article for duty-free treatment if imports in the most recently completed calendar year did not exceed the CNLs.

Exclusions from GSP duty-free treatment where CNLs have been exceeded will be effective July 1, 2017, unless the President grants a waiver. Any CNL-based exclusions, CNL waiver revocations, and decisions with respect to *de minimis* waivers and redesignations will be based on full 2016 calendar year import data.

**II. 2016 Import Statistics**

In order to provide notice of articles that have exceeded the CNLs for 2016 and to afford an opportunity for comment regarding (1) potential *de minimis* waivers and (2) potential redesignations for 2016, USTR has posted product lists on the USTR Web site at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-reviews/gsp-20162017> under the title "2016 Import Statistics Relating to Competitive Need Limitations for GSP". You also can find these lists at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) in Docket Number USTR-2016-0009. There were no articles that were subject to CNL waiver revocation for 2016 based on the provisions of section 503(d)(4)(B)(ii) of the 1974 Act, as amended by Public Law 109-432. You can view full 2016 calendar year data for individual tariff subheadings on the Web site of the U.S. International Trade Commission at <http://dataweb.usitc.gov>.

The lists available on the USTR Web site contain, for each article, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading and BDC country of origin, the value of imports of the article for the 2016 calendar year, and the percentage of total U.S. imports of that article from all countries.

The lists published on the USTR Web site are for informational purposes only. They may not include all articles to which the GSP CNLs may apply. All determinations and decisions regarding the CNLs of the GSP program will be based on full 2016 calendar year import data with respect to each GSP-eligible article. We advise each interested party to conduct its own review of 2016 import data with respect to the possible application of the GSP CNL provisions.

List I on the USTR Web site shows GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that exceeded a CNL by having been exported in excess of \$175 million, or in a quantity equal to or greater than 50 percent of the total U.S. import value, in 2016. These products will be removed from eligibility for GSP for the subject countries on July 1, 2017, unless the President grants a waiver for the product for the subject country in response to a petition filed by an interested party. Such petitions for CNL waivers must have been previously submitted in the 2016/2017 GSP Annual Review. (See 80 FR 50376 and 80 FR 71913). The last column in List I shows the product for which a petition has been accepted and is now under review.

List II identifies GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that are above the 50 percent