

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Emergency Consideration
Request**

In compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). SSA is requesting emergency consideration from OMB by June 30, 1999 of the information collection listed below.

Request for Information—0960-NEW. The information collected on this form will be used by SSA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to conduct periodic eligibility reviews of beneficiaries residing in foreign countries. The form is designed to replace the current time-consuming and expensive method of conducting these reviews by selecting sample cases and conducting in person interviews. The form will permit OIG to review all beneficiary residents of the foreign country under study, thereby narrowing the scope of the beneficiaries requiring in person visits to those who do not respond or to those who provide questionable evidence. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries residing in foreign countries.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 450 hours.

SSA is currently in the process of clearing this information collection under the normal OMB approval procedures, and published the first **Federal Register** Notice on May 27, 1999. However, time constraints associated with the normal clearance process will not permit SSA to complete this time-sensitive and mission-critical objective as mandated by the Inspector General Act.

SSA's OIG has responsibility for combating fraud, waste and abuse of SSA's programs. Accordingly, this information collection is designed to determine which beneficiaries residing in foreign countries pose the greatest risk of committing fraud against SSA programs. As a result, overpayments will be captured and corrected promptly, thereby minimizing the negative impact to SSA programs and the resulting public harm. To allow adequate time for review and planning purposes, responses to this form must be available to SSA's OIG prior to August 25, 1999. For this survey of foreign eligibility reviews investigators are scheduled to arrive on site on

August 30, 1999. Therefore, we are requesting emergency consideration from OMB of the information collection.

You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument and/or OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

(SSA Address)

Social Security Administration,
DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.
Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-
A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore,
MD 21235

Dated: June 15, 1999.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice # 3064]

**Public Notice; State Department
Consultation With American
Indigenous Groups**

The Department of State will hold the fourth annual consultation between U.S. Government officials and federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, and other interested groups/parties to discuss issues of interest to indigenous groups and to provide tribal leaders with an update on progress on the United Nations (U.N.) and Organization of American States (OAS) draft declarations on indigenous rights. This event will build on annual consultations held since 1996 providing a regular forum for discussions between the Department of State and federally recognized tribes. The consultation, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 1999, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, July 14, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Department of State in Washington, DC.

The consultation will take place in the East Auditorium, Room 2925, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., on July 13, and 8:30 a.m. on July 14th, at the 21st Street entrance, the Department of State. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Those interested in attending or seeking additional information should contact Yvonne Thayer or Sarah Osmer by fax (202-647-0431) or phone (202-647-0293) in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor at the Department of State. To ensure that your name is on the list of participants,

please contact the Department of State no later than July 6, 1999.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Harold Hongju Koh,

*Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy,
Human Rights, and Labor Department of
State.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. WTO/DS-166]

**WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding
Regarding USA—Definitive Safeguard
Measures on Imports of Wheat Gluten**

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 of the European Communities' ("EC") request for the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ("WTO"). The EC challenges the United States' action in imposing temporary quantitative limitations on imports of wheat gluten in an effort to aid the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition. In this dispute the EC alleges that the United States' safeguard measure is inconsistent with certain obligations under the WTO Agreement on Safeguards ("Safeguards Agreement"), Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and the WTO Agreement on Agriculture ("Agriculture Agreement"). USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted by July 19, 1999, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Sandy McKinzy, Litigation Assistant, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 122, Attn: Wheat Gluten, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marjorie Florestal, Assistant General Counsel at (202) 395-3581 or Robert Cummings, Senior Economist at (202) 395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), USTR is providing notice that on June 3, 1999, the EC submitted a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel to examine the U.S. safeguard measure on imports of wheat gluten. The WTO Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") is expected to establish a panel for this purpose in July, 1999.

Major Issues Raised and Legal Basis of the Complaint

The EC challenges the safeguard measure on imports of wheat gluten that the President established in Proclamation 7103 of May 30, 1998, and described in the President's Memorandum of May 30, 1998, entitled "Action Under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974 Concerning Wheat Gluten." The President's Proclamation and Memorandum were published in the **Federal Register** in Vol. 63, No. 106, pp. 30359 and 30363 on June 3, 1998.

In the EC's view the U.S. measure violates the Safeguards Agreement, Article XIX of the GATT 1994, and the Agriculture Agreement. Specifically, the EC asserts violations of:

- Articles 2.1 and 4 of the Safeguards Agreements because the U.S. International Trade Commission allegedly failed to examine "fundamental requirements" under these provisions when it conducted its investigation of the domestic industry.

- Article 5 of the Safeguards Agreement because, in adopting and applying the measure, the United States allegedly violated Article 5's rules on proportionality and allocation of quotas among supplying countries.

- Article 8 of the Safeguards Agreement because the United States allegedly failed to maintain a substantially equivalent level of concessions to affected WTO Members.

- Article 12 of the Safeguards Agreement because the United States allegedly failed to "fully respect" the notification requirements therein.

- Article 4.2 of the Agriculture Agreement because the measure in effect allegedly constitutes a substantial breach of the United States' obligations thereunder.

- Article XIX of GATT 1994 because the United States allegedly failed to fulfill "relevant conditions" under that Article, and because the measure allegedly was designed and applied in order to breach the most-favored-nation principle under Article I of GATT 1994, particularly since the measure allegedly favored Australia in terms of impact on trade.

On March 17, 1999, the EC requested consultations with the United States, and these consultations were held in Geneva on May 3, 1999, but did not lead to a satisfactory resolution of the matter.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in this dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies to Sandy McKinzy at the address provided above. 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 submitting person. 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 submitting person believes that information or advice may qualify as such, the submitting person—

- (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 parties 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/DS-166, "Wheat Gluten") may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the

public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A. Jane Bradley,

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-18]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before July 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-cmts@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Terry Stubblefield (202) 267-7624 Office of