

interest (COI) considerations, and siting. Additional information about both workshops can be obtained at <http://nrc-test-facility.pnl.gov>.

Additionally, to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of these workshops, the NRC invites interested stakeholders to provide comments in the following areas:

(1) Which potential participants might be interested in joint participation, collaboration, and funding of such a facility, and to what extent might this include participants outside the nuclear industry?

(2) If the nuclear industry participates, how could conflict-of-interest issues be addressed?

(3) Do similar facilities currently exist and, if so, what can be learned from their successes and challenges?

(4) What siting options would be most viable (e.g., universities where integration with graduate studies might be encouraged, national laboratories, etc.), considering both cost and ease of technical information exchange?

(5) To what extent could such a facility be designed to be reconfigurable to the expected variety of plant control room and HMI designs?

(6) To what extent could such a facility be designed to also be used as an advanced reactor training simulator for NRC staff?

(7) What impediments, if any, might exist to limit information sharing among participants and external stakeholders?

(8) What could be the benefits, or adverse impacts, of existing and established international collaborative activities in this area?

(9) What could be the NRC's legal, budgetary, and oversight role?

(10) Would stakeholders potentially be interested in the establishment of a facility that would serve as a national technical center of excellence to support a wide range of agencies and industries that have needs and interests in the rapidly advancing areas of instrumentation and controls, digital safety systems, and human-machine interfaces?

The workshop results and public comments received, along with other information developed as a result of the staff's discussions with interested stakeholders, will be used to support NRC decision making on this subject.

AVAILABILITY AND DATES: Additional information is available through the NRC Test Facility Working Group Web page, at <http://nrc-test-facility.pnl.gov>. Comments would be most helpful if received by September 30, 2007.

COMMENT PROCEDURES: The NRC staff encourages and welcomes

stakeholder participation in the workshops, as well as submittal of related comments and suggestions from interested parties. Personal information, such as your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc., will not be removed from your submission.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Mail comments to Leonard Bond, Ph.D, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, P.O. Box 999, Mail Stop K5-26, Richland, WA 99352.

- Provide comments on-line at <http://nrc-test-facility.pnl.gov>.

- E-mail comments to Leonard.Bond@pnl.gov.

CONTACT INFORMATION: General questions regarding this study or the related workshops should be addressed to Steven A. Arndt at (301) 415-6502 or by e-mail to SAA@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17 day of August, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian W. Sheron, Director,

Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-358]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions From Taxes and Other Payments

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 on July 12, 2007, in accordance with the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO Agreement), the United States requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel regarding certain Chinese measures granting refunds, reductions or exemptions to enterprises from taxes otherwise due the government. That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS358/13. 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 consultations, comments should be submitted on or before October 5, 2007

to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0507@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Prohibited Subsidies (DS358)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above, in accordance with the requirements for submission set out below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arun Venkataraman, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC., (202) 395-5694.

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 the United States has requested the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel pursuant to the WTO *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"). Such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within nine months after it is established, which is requested to be on August 31, 2007.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

China maintains measures that provide refunds, reductions, or exemptions to enterprises in China from taxes otherwise due the government on the condition that those enterprises purchase domestic over imported goods. The United States believes that, as such, these measures are inconsistent with China's obligations under Article 3.1(b) and 3.2 of the *Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures* ("SCM Agreement"). Furthermore, because they condition advantages on an enterprise's purchase of domestic over imported equipment, these measures appear to accord imported products treatment less favorable than that accorded "like" domestic products, inconsistent with Article III:4 of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* and Article 2.1 and Annex 1, paragraph 1(a), of the *Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures*. For the same reasons, these measures appear not to comply with China's obligations under paragraphs 7.2-7.3 and 10.3 of Part I of its Protocol of Accession and paragraph 1.2 of Part I of its Protocol of Accession (to the extent that it incorporates paragraph 203 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China).

China also maintains measures that grant refunds, reductions, or exemptions from taxes otherwise due to the government on the condition that the beneficiary enterprises meet certain export performance criteria. The United States believes that, as such, these measures are inconsistent with China's obligations under Article 3.1(a) and 3.2 of the SCM Agreement and, consequently, paragraph 10.3 of Part I of China's Protocol of Accession, and paragraph 1.2 of Part I of its Protocol of Accession (to the extent that it incorporates paragraph 167 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China).

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0507@ustr.eop.gov, with "China Prohibited Subsidies (DS358)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above.

USTR encourages the submission of documents in Adobe PDF format as attachments to an electronic mail. Interested persons who make submissions by electronic mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Comments must be in English. 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 designated as such and "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" must be marked at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page. Persons who submit confidential business information are encouraged also to provide a non-confidential summary of the information.

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 clearly so designate the information or advice;
- (2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page; 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, which is located at 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the dispute; if a dispute settlement panel is convened or in the event of an appeal from such a panel, the U.S. submissions, the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of submissions, received from other participants in the dispute; the report of the panel and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the public file (Docket WTO/DS-358, China Prohibited Subsidies Dispute) may be made by calling the USTR Reading Room at (202) 395-6186.

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Assistant United States Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-360]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding India—Additional and Extra Additional Duties on Imports

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 in accordance with the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (WTO Agreement), the United States has requested the establishment of a dispute settlement panel regarding additional and extra additional duties India applies to imports from the United States. India applies these duties to products that

include, but are not limited to, imports of wines and distilled spirits. That request may be found at www.wto.org contained in a document designated as WT/DS360/5. 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, comments should be submitted on or before September 14, 2007 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0706@ustr.eop.gov, with "India Alcohol Duties (DS/360)" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above, in accordance with the requirements for submission set out below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy A. Karpel, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, (202) 395-3150.

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 the United States has requested the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel pursuant to the *WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* (DSU). Such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

India imposes an additional duty and an extra additional duty on imports from the United States. India applies these duties to products that include, but are not limited to, imports of wines and distilled spirits. These duties appear to subject imports to ordinary customs duties or other duties or charges in excess of those in India's WTO Tariff Schedule. These duties include the following, as well as any amendments and related or implementing measures:

- Sections 2 and 3, and First Schedule, of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975; ("basic customs duty," "additional duty" and "extra additional duty")
- Section 12 of the Customs Act, 1962 ("basic customs duty")