Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or
- Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR–NASD–2006–011 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASD–2006–011. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASD–2006–011 and should be submitted on or before March 21, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.[11]

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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[11] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5331]

Certification Pursuant to Section 583 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, FY 2006, (Pub.L. 109–102)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 583 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, FY 2006, (Pub.L. 109–102), I hereby certify that application of the restriction in such section to a country or countries is contrary to the national interest of the United States.

This certification shall be reported to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Termination of Sanctions Imposed on Certain Member States of the European Communities Pursuant to Title VII of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Termination of sanctions imposed on certain Member States of the European Communities pursuant to Title VII of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative has determined to terminate sanctions imposed on certain EC Member States (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom).

This determination is based on assurances from the European Communities that EC telecommunications operators are no longer subject to discriminatory requirements, and that purchasing by EC telecommunications operators are now based solely on commercial considerations, not EC procurement rules. The termination of sanctions is effective on March 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–9476 or *Jean_Grier@ustr.eop.gov.*

Determination Relating to Sanctions Imposed Under Title VII of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988

On May 28, 1993, the United States imposed sanctions on certain Member States of the European Communities (EC) under Title VII of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 2515, as amended) for maintaining, in government procurement of telecommunications goods, a significant and persistent pattern or practice of discrimination against U.S. products or services that results in identifiable harm to U.S. businesses (58 FR 31136). In June 1993, the EC imposed equivalent countermeasures against the United States.

On March 10, 1994, then-USTR Michael Kantor terminated the sanctions against the Federal Republic of Germany based on a determination that Germany had eliminated the discrimination identified under Title VII (59 FR 11360). The sanctions currently apply to 11 EC Member States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

On March 31, 2004, the European Communities adopted new EC Directives on Government Procurement, which formally exclude telecommunications operators from their scope. I have received official assurances from the EC that the purchasing by EC telecommunications operators is no longer subject to EC procurement rules, but to purely commercial considerations, and that the EC will also remove its countermeasures against the United States.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the President of the United States in Presidential Determination No. 93–16, I have determined that the EC Member States referenced above have eliminated the discrimination identified under Title VII and have therefore terminated sanctions effective on March 1, 2006.

Rob Portman,

United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Revised Fiscal Year 2006 Tariff-rate Quota Allocations for Raw Cane Sugar and Refined Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of additional country-by-country allocations of the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas for imported raw cane sugar and refined sugar for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 (FY 2006). In addition, USTR is providing notice of country-by-country re-allocations of the FY 2006 in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported raw cane sugar.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Jason Hafemeister, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Hafemeister, Office of Agricultural Affairs, telephone: 202–395–6127 or facsimile: 202–395–4579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains a tariff-rate quota for imports of raw cane sugar and refined sugar.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007).

On February 2, 2006, the Secretary of Agriculture increased the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for raw cane sugar for FY 2006 by 226,796 metric tons * raw value. USTR is allocating this increased quantity. Further, USTR is re-allocating 35,126 metric tons raw value of the FY 2006 tariff-rate quota allocations that will not be used by certain countries. The total quantity of the raw sugar allocations (*i.e.*, the additional allocation and the re-allocation) of 261,922 metric tons raw value is being allocated to the following countries:

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

FY 2006 ADDITIONAL AND RE-ALLOCATIONS

Country	Metric tons raw value
Argentina	15,461
Australia	29,844
Belize	3,955
Bolivia	2,877
Brazil	52,138
Colombia	8,630
Costa Rica	5,394
Ecuador	3,955
El Salvador	9,349
Guatemala	17,259
Guyana	4,315
Honduras	3,596
Jamaica	3,955
Malawi	3,596
Mauritius	4,315
Mozambique	4,674
Nicaragua	7,551
Panama	10,428
Peru	14,742
Philippines	30,000
South Africa	8,270
Swaziland	5,753
Thailand	5,034
Trinidad & Tobago	2,517
Zimbabwe	4,315

These allocations are based on the countries' historical shipments to the United States, excluding countries that are unable to ship additional sugar. The allocations of the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin. All other country raw cane sugar allocations, other than for those countries that are unable to ship additional sugar, remain unchanged from those announced on August 30, 2005 and December 9, 2005.

On February 2, 2006, the Secretary of Agriculture increased the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for FY 2006 by 226,796 metric tons raw value, none of which is for specialty sugars. A total of 25,000 metric tons raw value is being allocated to Canada and 59,349 metric tons raw value is being allocated to Mexico. The remaining 142,447 metric tons raw value of the in-quota quantity may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law. The certificate of quota eligibility is required for sugar entering under the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar that is the product of a country that has been allocated a share of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar.

Rob Portman,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 22, 2006.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before March 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Public Debt

OMB Number: 1535–0013.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Claim for Lost, Stolen or Destroyed U.S. Savings Bonds and Supplemental Statement for U.S. Securities.
Form: BPD PD F 1048 and 2243.
Description: Used by owner or others having knowledge to request substitute securities or payment of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.
Respondents: Individuals or households.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 26,400 hours.

OMB Number: 1535–0036.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Application by Voluntary Guardian of Incapacitated Owner of United States Savings Bonds/Notes.
Form: BPD PD F 2513.
Description: Used by voluntary guardian of incapacitated bond owner(s) to establish right of act on behalf of owner.
Respondents: Individuals or households.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 26,600 hours.

OMB Number: 1535–0064.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Description of United States Savings Bonds Series HH/H and Description of United States Bonds/Notes.
Form: BPD PD F 1980 and 2490.
Description: Used by owner of United Savings Bonds/Notes to describe their holdings.
Respondents: Individuals or households.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,400 hours.