

ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: May 20, 1997.

Kirk Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.
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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMMISSION**

**Possible Modifications to the
International Harmonized System
Nomenclature**

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comments on proposal to delete certain low-trade categories from the Harmonized System.

SUMMARY: The Commission is soliciting the views of interested parties on a proposal before the Review Subcommittee (RSC) of the World Customs Organization (WCO), Brussels, Belgium, to delete certain low-trade headings and subheadings from the international Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System or HS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 1997.

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Background

The Harmonized System was established by an international Convention, which, *inter alia*, provides that the System should be kept up-to-date in light of changes in technology and patterns of international trade. The international HS nomenclature, which is administered by the WCO, provides a uniform structural basis for the customs tariff and statistical nomenclatures of all major trading countries of the world, including the United States. The Commission, the U.S. Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census are responsible for the development of U.S. technical proposals concerning the HS under section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the 1988 Act) (19 U.S.C. 3010). A 1988 notice issued by the United States Trade Representative (53 FR 45646, November 10, 1988), establishes the Commission as the lead U.S. agency in considering proposals for HS amendments that are intended to ensure that it reflects such changes in technology and trade.

In November 1996, the WCO decided provisionally to implement the next series of amendments to the nomenclature by the year 2002. As part of the current review cycle, the RSC requested that the WCO Secretariat develop a list of four-digit headings and six-digit subheadings for which world trade in each category did not exceed US\$100 million and US\$20 million, respectively. Based on preliminary trade data for calendar year 1993 provided by the United Nations Statistical Office (UNSO), the WCO Secretariat recently published a list of approximately 500 HS headings and subheadings that showed world trade below those thresholds. On this basis, the Subcommittee will consider deleting these headings and subheadings from the HS. The Subcommittee noted that as more recent data become available many of the categories would automatically be dropped from the list of possible deletions and thereby be retained in the HS. Additionally, each country was invited to examine the list and indicate to the Subcommittee each category which that country feels should be retained because (1) more recent trade data available to that country reveals that the category in fact exceeds the threshold or (2) international concern over environmental, social or economic issues necessitates monitoring global trade on products in the category despite the low volume of trade. Beginning in its 16th session (September 1997) the Subcommittee

will examine the Secretariat's list and all national requests for retention of individual categories.

The following is a list of the headings (ending with double zeros) and subheadings as provided by the Secretariat. Items in the list marked with an asterisk (*) are those for which the Commission is proposing that the United States request retention.

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0307.51,* 0501.00,* 0502.10,* 0502.90,*
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1902.40, 1903.00, 2001.20, 2003.20, 2005.10,
2006.00,* 2009.50, 2205.90,* 2209.00,*
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Copies of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSUSA), which incorporates the international Harmonized System in its overall structure, can be accessed in several ways. A copy of the HTSUSA can be downloaded in compressed form (self-extracting files) at the USITC's World Wide Web (WWW) site on the following page (URL): <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>. An on-line readable and searchable copy of the HTSUSA can be found at the U.S. Customs Service's WWW site, on the following page (URL): <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/imp-exp/rulings/harmoniz/>. Hard copies and

electronic copies of the HTSUSA can be found at many of the 1,400 federal Depository Libraries located throughout the United States and its territories; further information about these locations can be found on the WWW at the following location (URL): <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su-docs/dips/adlps001.html>, or by contacting GPO Access at the Government Printing Office, 1-888-293-6498.

This proposal is part of a comprehensive review of the international HS being carried out by the RSC. Its implementation internationally would not necessarily require that any specific domestic tariff rates or statistical coverage be eliminated completely from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (HTSUSA). Any such consequential changes would be separately considered by the Commission at a later date, pursuant to section 1205 of the 1988 Act.

Request for Proposals

The Commission is seeking comments on the list of proposed deletions from the HS and, in particular, on those categories for which the United States may request retention. *No proposals for changes to the Explanatory Notes or national-level provisions (including Additional U.S. Notes, U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review.* Interested parties, associations and government agencies should submit specific HS category numbers from the above list which they feel should be retained in the HS and, for each category, the reason for retaining the category in the international system (including, where relevant, trade data).

Deadline

Suggestions must be received no later than the close of business, June 20, 1997, in order to be considered by the Commission.

Written Submissions

All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436. Commercial or financial information that a party desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR

201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-33,190]

Allied Signal, Incorporated Parsippany, NJ; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of April 11, 1997, a company official requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on April 4, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 1997 (62 FR 24134).

The petitioner presents evidence that the Department's customer survey was incomplete.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of May 1997.

Russell T. Kile,

Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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