

	Percent
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (Including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 295211 and for economic injury the number is 951300.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**Aida Alvarez,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2557]

### United States International Telecommunications Advisory Committee, WRC-97 AD HOC; Meeting Notice

The Department of State announces that an Ad-Hoc Working Group for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference of the United States ITU-R National Committee is holding a meeting to prepare for the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference to be held October 27-November 21, 1997 in Geneva. The meeting will be held on June 27, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in room 1912 at the Department of State, 2201 C Street N.W., Washington, DC 20520

The agenda of the meeting will include discussion of issues pertaining to the World Radiocommunication Conference, preparation for bilateral discussions on conference issues, administrative matters related to U.S. participation in the conference, and any other matters that may arise regarding preparations for the Radiocommunication Conference.

Members of the General Public may attend the meetings and join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the chair. Admittance of public members will be limited to the seating available. In this regard, entrance to the Department of State is controlled. If you wish to attend please fax your name, Social Security number and Date of Birth to 202-647-0158 not later than 5

days before the meeting. Enter from the C Street Lobby. A picture ID will be required for admittance.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Warren G. Richards,**

*Chairman, ITU-R National Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Identification of Priority Foreign Country Practices; Request from Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Request for written submissions from the public.

**SUMMARY:** Executive Order 12901 of March 3, 1994, as amended by Executive Order 12973 of September 27, 1995 (as did the "Super 301" procedures in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to review United States trade expansion priorities and to identify priority foreign country practices, the elimination of which is likely to have the most significant potential to increase United States exports, either directly or through the establishment of a beneficial precedent. USTR is requesting written submissions from the public concerning foreign country practices that should be considered by the USTR for this purpose.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning the filing of submissions should be directed to Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant to Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-3432; legal questions regarding the executive order and its implementation should be addressed to Irving Williamson, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-2432.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By Executive Order 12901 of March 3, 1994 (59 FR 10727), the President ordered USTR to identify trade expansion priorities for calendar years 1994 and 1995, given that the identification provisions of section 310 of the Trade Act of 1974 (commonly referred to as "Super 301") were then no longer in effect. By Executive Order 12973 of September 17, 1995, the President

extended this identification process to calendar years 1996 and 1997 (60 FR 51665). Section 1 of E.O. 12901, as amended by E.O. 12973, requires the USTR, no later than September 30, 1996, and September 30, 1997, to review United States trade expansion priorities and identify priority foreign country practices, the elimination of which is likely to have the most significant potential to increase United States exports, either directly or through the establishment of a beneficial precedent. A report on the practices identified must be submitted to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and published in the Federal Register. Section 2 of E.O. 12901 requires the Trade Representative to initiate investigations under section 302(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2412(b)(1), no later than 21 days after submission of the report, with respect to all of the priority foreign country practices so identified. The USTR may also cite in the report practices that may warrant identification in the future or that were not identified because they are already being addressed and progress is being made toward their elimination.

### Requirements for Submissions

The USTR invites submissions on foreign country practices that should be considered for identification under E.O. 12901. Submissions should indicate whether the foreign policy or practice at issue was identified in the 1997 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE Report) published by the Office of the USTR on March 31, 1997 (U.S. Government Printing Office, ISBN 0-16-049024-3), and if so, should cite the page number(s) where it appears in the NTE and provide any additional information considered relevant. (A copy of the NTE Report is maintained in the USTR Reading Room and also can be located at USTR's Internet Home Page address, which is: <http://www.ustr.gov>.) If the foreign practice was not identified in the NTE Report, submissions should (1) include information on the nature and significance of the foreign practice; (2) identify the United States product, service, intellectual property right, or foreign direct investment matter which is affected by the foreign practice; and (3) provide any other information considered relevant. Such information may include information on the trade agreements to which a foreign country is a party, and its compliance with those agreements; the medium- and long-term implications of foreign government procurement plans; and the

international competitive position and export potential of United States products and services. Because submissions will be placed in a public file, open to public inspection at USTR, business-confidential information should not be submitted.

Interested persons must provide twenty copies of any submission to Sybia Harrison, staff assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 222, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508, no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 10, 1997.

#### Public Inspection of Submissions

Submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR Reading Room, in Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. An appointment to review the file 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 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Irving A. Williamson,**

*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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#### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-111]

#### Section 302 Investigation: Certain Subsidies Affecting Access to the European Communities' Market for Modified Starch

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Trade Representative (USTR), following consultations with the petitioners, intends to consult with the European Communities (EC) regarding wheat gluten exports from the EC to the United States. These consultations will be conducted pursuant to a bilateral agreement with the EC on grains signed on July 22, 1996 (Grains Agreement). Pending the outcome of these consultations, the USTR will not pursue consultations under the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements and has terminated the investigation initiated on March 8, 1997, under section 302(a) of the Trade Act of 1974.

**DATES:** This investigation was terminated on June 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald K. Lorentzen, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs, (202) 395-3063; William D. Hunter, Office of the General Counsel, (202) 395-9418; or Robert Cummings, Office of Agricultural Affairs, (202) 395-6127.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 22, 1997, the U.S. Wheat Gluten Industry Council filed a petition pursuant to section 302(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2412(a)) alleging that certain subsidy schemes of the EC constitute acts, policies and practices that violate, or are inconsistent with and otherwise deny benefits to the United States under, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 and the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. On March 8, 1997, the Acting USTR initiated an investigation under section 302 with respect to the EC starch production refund program to determine whether subsidies granted under that program are causing or threatening to cause serious prejudice to U.S. interests with respect to U.S. exports of modified starch to the EC, or are nullifying or impairing benefits accruing to the United States under the WTO agreements. (62 F.R. 12264). The Acting USTR also requested public comment on the matter under investigation. Pursuant to section 303(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act, the Acting USTR decided to delay requesting consultations with the EC regarding the EC starch production refund program for up to 90 days for the purpose of verifying and improving the petition to ensure an adequate basis for consultations with the EC.

#### Investigation and Consultations

Having reviewed the information obtained during the investigation, including written comments provided by interested persons, the USTR continues to have serious concerns about the effects on U.S. wheat gluten and wheat starch producers of EC policies that insulate European wheat starch and gluten producers from world competition and that subsidize European production and exports. Therefore, having consulted with the petitioner, the USTR has determined to consult with the EC under provisions of the Grains Agreement, and that, at this time, consultations will not be pursued under the WTO agreements. This decision will be reexamined at a later date, pending the outcome of consultations under the Grains Agreement. In light of the foregoing, the USTR is terminating the investigation under section 302.

USTR will continue to work with the petitioner in developing information and analysis that may form the basis for further action, including possible action under section 301. In this regard, USTR, in response to a request by the petitioner, has initiated the information gathering procedures of section 308 of the Trade Act, and that process remains ongoing.

**Irving A. Williamson,**

*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Office of the Secretary

#### Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters will hold a meeting to discuss assistance to families of passengers involved in aviation accidents. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, and Thursday, July 10, 1997, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in Room 2230 of Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven R. Okun, Task Force Executive Director, telephone 202-366-4702, or Marc C. Owen, Task Force Staff Director, mailing address, 400 7th Street SW, Room 5424, Washington, D.C. 20590, telecopier 202-366-7147, and telephone 202-366-6823.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), DOT gives notice of a meeting of the Task Force on Assistance to Families in Aviation Disasters (Task Force). The Task Force was established by the Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996 to develop recommendations on ways to improve the treatment of families of passengers involved in aviation accidents. One purpose of the meeting on July 9 is to take public testimony on issues within the Charter of the Task Force. Members of the public wishing to testify should submit their request to appear before the Task Force and a copy of their comments to Marc Owen by July 1, 1997. Oral testimony must be no more