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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

than ten minutes. Issues relating to the media's involvement with aviation disasters is also scheduled to be addressed that day.

The opportunity to testify is limited and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating for the meeting is also available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The public may submit written comments to the Task Force at Mr. Owen at the address or telecopier number shown above.

The meeting on July 10, 1997, is also open to the public. Topics for discussion at that meeting include the issue of the proper notification to family members by the airlines that an individual was on-board an aircraft involved in an aviation disaster.

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**Steven R. Okun,**

*Task Force Executive Director, Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 97-033]

#### **Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC); Vacancies**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC). The CFIVAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on commercial fishing industry vessel operations.

**DATES:** Completed applications and supporting documentation should be submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard before October 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons interested in applying for membership on the CFIVAC may obtain an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-2), U.S. Coast Guard, Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or contacting the following persons in the following paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Commander Mark D. Bobal, Executive Director of CFIVAC, or, LTJG Marcus Hugi, mhugi@comdt.uscg.mil, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-1181, fax (202) 267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) is a Federal advisory committee that operates in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. As required by the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Act of 1988, the Coast Guard established the CFIVAC to provide advice to the Coast Guard on issues related to the safety of commercial fishing vessels regulated under chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code, which includes uninspected fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. The CFIVAC consists of 17 members as follows: Ten members from the commercial fishing industry who reflect a regional and representational balance and have experience in the operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of Title 46, United States code applies, or as a crew member of processing line member on an uninspected fish processing vessel; one member representing naval architects or marine surveyors; one member representing manufacturers of equipment for vessels to which chapter 45 applies; one member representing education or training professionals related to fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel safety, or personnel qualifications; one member representing underwriters that insure vessels to which chapter 45 applies; and three members representing the general public, including whenever possible, an independent expert or consultant in maritime safety and a member of a national organization composed of persons representing owners of vessels to which chapter 45 applies and persons representing the marine insurance industry.

The CFIVAC meets at least once a year in different seaport cities nationwide. Special meetings may also be called. Subcommittee meetings are held to consider specific problems as required.

Applications will be considered for six positions that expire or become vacant in October 1997 in the following categories: (a) Commercial Fishing Industry (three positions); (b) General Public (one position); (c) Training and Education (one position); (d) Insurance Underwriters (one position). Persons selected as general public members are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, SF450, on a annual basis.

Each member serves for a term of three years. A limited portion of the membership may serve consecutive terms. Members of the CFIVAC serve without compensation from the Federal

Government, although travel reimbursements and per diem are provided.

In support of the U.S. Department of Transportation's policy on ethnic and gender diversity, the Coast Guard is especially seeking applications from qualified women and minority group members.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[CGD 97-032]

#### **Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee; Subcommittee on the Review/Update of Vapor Control System Regulations Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Vapor Control System (VCS) Regulations Review/Update Subcommittee of the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) will meet to continue work on developing a recommended revision of the marine vapor control regulations found in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, part 154 and Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, part 39. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meetings of the VCS Subcommittee will be held on June 17, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 18, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before June 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings of the VCS Subcommittee will be held in the training academy conference room, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060. For directions to the meetings, please contact Lieutenant J. J. Plunkett, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lieutenant J. J. Plunkett, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-0087, fax (202) 267-4570 or Mr. Paul J. Book, American Commercial Barge Line Company; telephone (812) 288-0220, fax (812) 288-0478.