

Engineering, or such officer's designee, to enter into an extension to and modification of Contract No. P-94P07-115471 with Cane Patch Mining Company, Inc.

7. Delegation of authority to the Vice President of Fuel Supply and Engineering, or such officer's designee, to enter into an extension to and modification of Contract No. P-90P07-115734 with Arch Coal Sales Company, Inc.

8. Approval for TVA Director William H. Kenney to be an incorporator and director of the East Tennessee Intermodal Transportation Commerce Center, Inc.

9. Approval to file a condemnation case related to the Dunmar-Paradise Tap to Ennis Transmission Line, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

10. Approval for TVA Nuclear to enter into a contract in which Westinghouse Electric Corporation would purchase from TVA a spare reactor coolant pump internals package located at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2.

11. Expansion of participation in the Interruptible Power Pilot Project and delegation of authority to the Executive Vice President, Customer Service and Marketing, to execute the contractual arrangements.

12. Sale of noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent easement to Lakeside Properties, Inc., affecting 2.47 acres of land on Tellico Lake in Monroe County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTELR-191RE), for the construction, operation, and maintenance of private water-use facilities.

13. Amendment of the Pickwick Reservoir Land Management Plan and grant of a permanent easement to the City of Florence, Alabama, affecting approximately 121 acres and a temporary construction easement affecting approximately 4 acres of land on Pickwick Lake in Lauderdale County, Alabama (Tract No. XPR-457E), for a wastewater treatment plant, sewer lagoons, and a sewerline.

14. Proposed rate schedules for ancillary services to be included in 1997 edition of the Transmission Service Guidelines, approved July 10, 1997, providing open access transmission service over the TVA system.

15. Proposed 1997 edition of the Transmission Service Guidelines providing open access transmission service over the TVA system.

*For more information:* Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

**Edward S. Christenbury,**

*General Counsel and Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Report On The Andean Trade Preference Act: Request For Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is seeking the views of interested parties on the operation of the Andean Trade Preference Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq*) ("the ATPA"). Section 203(f) of the ATPA requires the President to submit a report to the Congress regarding the operation of the ATPA on or before December 4, 1997, the sixth anniversary of the date of the enactment of the ATPA. The TPSC invites written comments concerning the issues to be examined in preparing such a report, including the considerations described in subsections 203(c) and (d) of the ATPA.

**DATES:** Public comments are due at USTR by October 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Director for Mexican Affairs, Office of the Western Hemisphere, Office of the U.S. Trade Representatives, 600 17th Street NW., Room 523, Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Koplovsky, Director for Mexican Affairs, Office of the Western Hemisphere, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on any aspect of the program's operation, including the status of beneficiary countries—Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru—under the criteria described in subsections 203 (c) and (d) of the ATPA. Issues to be examined in this report include: The program's effect on the volume and composition of trade and investment between the United States and the Andean beneficiary countries; its effect on the economic growth and development of the beneficiary countries; the extent to which the program has advanced narcotics eradication; related sustainable alternative development efforts in coca-growing areas; and the degree to which the program has encouraged the trade and investment policies cited in the ATPA.

## Written Notice

All written comments should be addressed to: Michael Koplovsky, Director for Mexican Affairs, Office of the Western Hemisphere, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 522, Washington, DC 20506.

All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR part 2003.

A submitter must provide twenty copies of any comments. Comments must be received at USTR no later than 5 p.m., October 17, 1997. If the comments contain business confidential information, twenty copies of a non-confidential version must also be submitted. Comments containing business confidential information must include a justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially, and should be clearly marked "business confidential" at the top of each page. The non-confidential version should also be clearly marked at the top of each page "public version" or "non-confidential".

Comments submitted in response to this notice, except for comments granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection after the filing deadline. Inspection is by appointment only with the USTR Public Reading Room, and can be arranged by calling (202) 395-6186. Other requests and questions should be directed to the Office of the Western Hemisphere at USTR by calling (202) 395-3142.

**Frederick L. Montgomery,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Schedule of Hearings and Deadlines for Submitting Comments on Petitions for the GSP 1997 Product Review and Country Practices Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to set forth the timetable for hearings, and for providing public comments on petitions requesting: (1) Changes in the eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program of products accepted for the 1997 Product Review; and (2) modifications in the status of GSP beneficiary countries in regard to their

practices, as specified in 15 CFR 2007.0 (a) and (b).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 518, Washington, DC 20508 (Tel. 202/395-6971). Public versions of all documents relating to this review may be seen by appointment in the USTR public Reading Room between 9:30-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. (Tel. 202/395-6186).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSP program is authorized pursuant to Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("the Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*). The GSP program grants duty-free treatment to designated eligible articles that are imported from designated beneficiary developing countries. In a **Federal Register** notice dated August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43408), USTR announced the acceptance of product petitions for review. In addition, USTR has received a number of petitions requesting that certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries be reviewed to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 502(b) and 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and 2462(c)).

### I. Subject of Reviews

#### A. Petitions Requesting Modifications of Product Eligibility

As described in a **Federal Register** notice dated August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43408), USTR accepted petitions from interested parties and foreign governments to: (1) Designate articles as eligible for the GSP; (2) withdraw, suspend or limit GSP duty-free treatment accorded either to eligible articles under the GSP or to individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP eligible articles; and (3) waive competitive need limits.

USTR has requested the advice of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) on the probable economic effects of granting the requested GSP changes on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers. A nonconfidential version of the USITC analysis will be made available to the public as of approximately December 30, 1997.

Any modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program resulting from the GSP 1997 Product Review will be announced on or about May 1, 1998, and will take effect July 1, 1998.

#### B. Petitions Accepted for Review Regarding Country Practices

Pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.0(b), the Trade Policy Staff Committee has accepted petitions to review the GSP status of (1) Belarus and Swaziland based on the alleged failure of each to provide adequate and effective protection for internationally recognized worker rights, and (2) the Philippines based on its alleged failure to provide equitable and reasonable access to its markets. (The decision on the Philippines intellectual property rights case has been deferred.)

Any modifications to the list of beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the GSP program resulting from the Country Practices Review will take effect on such date as will be notified in a future **Federal Register** notice.

### II. Opportunities for Public Comment and Inspection of Comments

The GSP Subcommittee of the TPSC invites comments in support of, or in opposition to, any petition which is the subject of this notice. Submissions should comply with 15 CFR Part 2007, including sections 2007.0, and 2007.1. All submissions should identify the subject article(s) in terms of the current Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") nomenclature.

Comments should be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, DC 20508. Information submitted will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR public reading room, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. If the document contains business confidential information, an original and fourteen (14) copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with an original and fourteen (14) copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, any document containing confidential information should be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The version that does not contain confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of every page (either "public version" or "nonconfidential"). Comments should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 1997.

### III. Notice of Public Hearings

Hearings will be held on October 22, 23, (and October 24, 1997, if needed) beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The hearings will be open to the public and a transcript of the hearings will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

All interested parties wishing to present oral testimony at the hearings must submit the name, address, and telephone number of the witness(es) representing their organization to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee. Such requests to present oral testimony at the public hearings should be accompanied by fourteen (14) copies, in English, of a written brief or statement, and should be received by 5 p.m. on September 30, 1997. Oral testimony before the GSP Subcommittee will be limited to five minute presentations that summarize or supplement information contained in the briefs or statements submitted for the record. Post-hearing and rebuttal briefs or statements should conform to the regulations cited above and be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, no later than 5 p.m. November 19, 1997.

Interested persons not wishing to appear at the public hearings may also submit pre-hearing written briefs or statements by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 1997, and post-hearing and rebuttal written briefs or statements by November 19, 1997. Comments by interested persons on the USITC Report should be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, by 5 p.m. January 15, 1998.

**Frederick L. Montgomery,**

*Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Safety Advisory

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Safety Advisory.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing Safety Advisory 97-1 addressing safety practices to reduce the risk of casualties from train derailments caused by damage to tracks, roadbed, and bridges resulting from uncontrolled flows of