

symbol "L" in the parentheses following the "Free" rate of duty in such subcolumn.

(b) In the additional U.S. notes to HTS section XI listed below, the expression "articles the product of Canada" is deleted at each instance and the expression "Imports from Canada" is inserted in lieu thereof.

additional U.S. note 3(a); additional U.S. note 4(c)

additional U.S. note 3(f); additional U.S. note 5(a)

additional U.S. note 4(a); additional U.S. note 5(c)

(c) In the additional U.S. notes to HTS section XI listed below, the expression "articles the product of Mexico" is deleted at each instance and the expression "imports from Mexico" is inserted in lieu thereof.

additional U.S. note 3(b); additional U.S. note 4(b)

additional U.S. note 3(c); additional U.S. note 4(d)

additional U.S. note 3(d); additional U.S. note 5(b)

additional U.S. note 3(e); additional U.S. note 5(d)

additional U.S. note 3(g)

(d) The article description for HTS heading 9817.29.01 is modified by deleting "3701.90.32" and by inserting in lieu thereof "3707.90.32".

(e) The Intermediate Chemicals for Dyes Appendix to the HTS is modified by deleting the chemical name "Benzamine, 2, 6-dichloro-4-nitro" and by inserting "Benzamine, 2, 6-dichloro-4-nitro" in lieu thereof, and by deleting the chemical name "Benzeneamine, 2-(trifluoromethyl)-" and by inserting "Benzeneamine, 2-(trifluoromethyl)-" in lieu thereof.

3. Effective on January 1, 1996, the HTS is modified as follows:

(a) The tariff classification rules ("TCRs") in subdivision (t) of general note 12 to the HTS are modified by deleting from chapter rule 1 to chapter 61 and from chapter rule 1 to chapter 62 the subheading number "5407.60" and by inserting in lieu thereof "5407.61".

(b) The article description for HTS subheading 6303.92.10 is modified by deleting "5407.60.11, 5407.60.21 or 5407.60.91" and by inserting in lieu thereof "5407.61.11, 5407.61.21 or 5407.61.91".

(c) The article description for HTS subheading 9017.20.50 is modified by deleting "8456.90.20" and by inserting in lieu thereof "8456.99.10".

(d) U.S. note 3(d) to subchapter II of chapter 98 is modified by deleting "additional U.S. note 1" and inserting "note 3" in lieu thereof.

4. Effective April 1, 1997, for subheading 2933.59.95, the Rates of Duty 1—special subcolumn is modified by inserting, in alphabetical sequence, the symbol "K" in the parentheses following the "Free" rate of duty in such subcolumn.

5. Effective April 28, 1997, general note 12 to the HTS is modified as follows:

(a) by numbering the tariff classification rule to chapter 82 that reads "A change to subheadings 8202.39 through 8202.99 from any other chapter." as TCR 4 to that chapter;

(b) by modifying TCR 231 for chapter 84 by deleting "tariff items," and by inserting in lieu thereof "tariff item,"; and

(c) by deleting from TCR 90 for chapter 85 "8428.12.62" and by inserting in lieu thereof "8528.12.62".

6. Effective May 31, 1997:

(a) For HTS subheading 0802.90.98, the Rates of Duty 1—Special subcolumn is modified by inserting, immediately before the symbol "CA" in parentheses, the symbol "A+,"; and

(b) Section (c) to Annex II to Presidential Proclamation 7007 is modified by deleting HTS subheadings 0802.90.90, 2901.29.50, 8607.19.03, 9603.10.50 and 9603.10.60.

7. Effective July 1, 1997, section B of Annex I to Presidential Proclamation 7011 of June 30, 1997, is modified by deleting the text of paragraph (68) and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Heading 9902.84.77 is modified by deleting "8477.10.80" and by inserting in lieu thereof "8477.10.70".

8. Effective on the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, section A(5) of Annex II to Presidential Proclamation 6969 is modified as follows:

(a) by deleting, from subparagraph (a) of such section, the expression "April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, inclusive" and by inserting "April 1 in any year through March 31, inclusive" in lieu thereof; and

(b) by deleting, from subparagraph (b) of such section, the expression "April 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000, inclusive" and by inserting "April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001, inclusive" in lieu thereof.

9. Effective January 1, 1998:

(a) Section D of the Annex to Proclamation 6763 is modified by striking from the column headed "1998" for subheading 2620.90.20 the duty rate of "18.5¢/kg on tungsten content + 4%" and by inserting the duty rate "17.6¢/kg on tungsten content + 4%" in lieu thereof; and

(b) Subheading 8529.90.88 is modified by striking from the "Special" rates of duty subcolumn the rate "0.5% (CA)" and by inserting in alphabetical sequence in the parenthetical expression following the duty rate of "Free" in such subcolumn the symbol "CA,".

(c) General note 3(iv)(C) is modified by deleting "sections 503(b) and 504(c) and by inserting "sections 503(a)(2), 503(a)(3) and 503(c)" in lieu thereof.

(d) General note 4(a) is modified by deleting "section 502(a)(3) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462(a)(3))" and by inserting "section 507(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2467(2))" in lieu thereof.

(e) General note 4(b)(i) is modified by deleting "section 504(c)(6)" and by inserting "section 502(a)(2)" in lieu thereof, by deleting "section 504(c)" and by inserting "section 503(c)(2)(A)" in lieu thereof, and by deleting "19 U.S.C. 2464(c)" and by inserting "19 U.S.C. 2463(c)(2)(A)" in lieu thereof.

(f) The last paragraph of general note 4(c) is modified by deleting "section 503(a)(3)" and by inserting "section 507(2)" in lieu thereof.

(g) General note 10(e)(i)(A) is modified by deleting "section 504(c)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2464(c)(1)(A))" and by inserting "sections 503(c)(2)(A)(i)(I) and

503(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(c)(2)(A)(i)(I) and 503(c)(2)(A)(ii))" in lieu thereof.

(h) General note 10(f) is modified by deleting "section 504(c)(3) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2464(c)(3))" and by inserting "section 503(c)(2)(F) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(c)(2)(F))" in lieu thereof.

10. Effective on January 1 in each of the following years, the enumerated additional U.S. notes to chapter 4 of the HTS are each modified by deleting the existing quantitative limitation set forth therein for the EC 15 and by inserting in lieu thereof the new quantitative limitation set forth in this table:

	1999	2000
(a) Additional U.S. note 17 to chapter 4 ...	2,729,000	2,779,000
(b) Additional U.S. note 18 to chapter 4 ...	1,096,333	1,263,000
(c) Additional U.S. note 19 to chapter 4 ...	337,333	354,000
(d) Additional U.S. note 21 to chapter 4 ...	3,965,333	4,082,000

Additional information regarding these technical modifications can be obtained by contacting the above-named officials of the USTR at the number noted above.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments for Multilateral Negotiations in the World Trade Organization on Expansion of the List of Pharmaceutical Products Receiving Zero Duties

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written public comments with respect to expansion of the list of pharmaceuticals subject to reciprocal duty elimination by certain members of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The specific information being sought is described in the background section below.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon, January 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Chattin, Director for Tariff Negotiations, USTR, (202-395-5097).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the TPSC invites written comments from the public on the expansion of the list of pharmaceutical products receiving duty-free treatment from certain members of the World Trade Organization, specifically additions to the lists of pharmaceutical active ingredients, prefixes and suffixes that could be associated with an active ingredient in order to designate its salt, ester or hydrate form, or chemical intermediates intended for the manufacture of pharmaceutical active ingredients. Negotiations will take place during 1998 in the WTO with a view to adding new pharmaceuticals to the zero duty list. Any amendments to the list of pharmaceuticals will be subject to approval by all participants in the negotiations.

Background

During the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the United States and 16 trading partners agreed to reciprocal elimination of duties on approximately 7,000 pharmaceuticals on January 1, 1995. Participants also recognized the need to periodically update the zero duty list of pharmaceuticals in order to keep pace with the dynamic nature of the industry. As a result of multilateral negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO) during 1996, the United States and other participants in the negotiations eliminated duties on an additional 750 pharmaceuticals on April 1, 1997.

The results of the Uruguay Round agreement on pharmaceuticals and the subsequent update by WTO members is reflected in the Pharmaceutical Appendix to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS can be purchased from the United States Government Printing Office. An electronic version of HTSUS can be found at www.usitc.gov. The Pharmaceutical Appendix of the HTSUS consists of three tables. Table 1 lists active pharmaceutical ingredients and dosage-form products by their International Nonproprietary Names (INNs) from the World Health Organization (WHO). Currently, the items in Table 1 are drawn from the INN lists 1-73 of the WHO. Prefixes and suffixes that can be associated with an INN in Table 1 are contained in Table 2. Chemical intermediates intended for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals are listed in Table 3. Working with appropriate industry associations and private sector advisory groups, the interagency TPSC committee led by USTR is in the process of preparing negotiating positions. Comments are requested for pharmaceutical items

which would be in the interest of the United States to add to the existing WTO agreement.

Negotiators will be reviewing the more recent INN lists (e.g., 74-78) in the updating exercise. Comments pertaining to the pharmaceutical active ingredients covered by INN list 74 and higher need only provide the INN name and reference the appropriate WHO list. Otherwise, the following information must be supplied for each pharmaceutical active ingredient or chemical intermediate to provide the technical basis for reviewing the submissions: (1) The precise chemical name; (2) the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number; (3) a diagram of the molecular structure; and (4) the six-digit Harmonized System classification number. Submissions of chemical intermediates also must provide the INN and chemical name of the active ingredient into which it is incorporated, the CAS number of this active ingredient, and a diagram of the molecular structure of this active ingredient. A suggested format for presenting this information is attached. In addition, submissions of chemical intermediates must demonstrate that the product meets the following conditions; (1) The chemical is a sole-pharmaceutical use intermediate; (2) some portion of the intermediate is incorporated in the final active ingredient molecule, regardless of what proportion the intermediate represents in the final molecule of the active ingredient; and (3) the intermediate is used in producing an active ingredient that has reached at least Phase III of clinical trials of the Food and Drug Administration (or other national equivalent). Comments pertaining to the additions to the list of prefixes or suffixes for salt, ester or hydrate forms of an INN active ingredient should state a rationale for the nomination. Only comments containing all of the above information will be considered in developing U.S. positions for the negotiations.

Persons submitting written comments should provide a statement, in twenty copies, by noon, January 30, 1998 to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 503, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20508. In addition, a helpful supplement to the written statement would be to provide a disk containing as much of the technical details of the submission as possible, either in a spreadsheet format or in a word processing table format. The disk should have a label identifying the software used and the submitter. Non-confidential information received will

be available for public inspection by appointment in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For an appointment call Brenda Webb on 202-395-6186. Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

HS code (6-digit)	CAS number	Chemical name (e.g., chemical abstracts index name)

Molecular structure

For all chemical intermediates, the following information is provided on the pharmaceutical active ingredient into which the intermediate is incorporated.

INN of active ingredient	CAS number of active ingredient	Chemical name of active ingredient

Molecular structure of active ingredient

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3501, *et seq.*) this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information