

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

was published in 62 FR 52611, October 8, 1997.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol A. Woods, Air Carrier Fitness, Office of Aviation Analysis, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Washington, DC 20590 at (202) 366-2340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Office of the Secretary.

Title: Aircraft Accident Liability Insurance.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0030

Affected Public: U.S. and foreign air carriers.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Form(s): OST Form 6410, OST Form 6411.

Abstract: 14 CFR Part 205 contains the minimum requirements for air carrier accident liability insurance to protect the public from losses, and directs that certificates evidencing appropriate coverage must be filed with the Department.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,763 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments to OMB are best assured of having their full effect if OMB receives them within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 18, 1997.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Executive Committee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 8, 1998, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 810, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miss Jean Casciano, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9683; fax (202) 267-5075; e-mail Jean.Casciano@faa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on January 8, 1998, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 810, Washington, DC, 1 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss a proposed new task—Prevention of Fuel Tank Explosions.

Attendance is open to the interested public but will be limited to the space available. The public may participate by teleconference by calling 202-493-4180, pass code 2222. Written statements from the public may be presented to the executive committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Executive Director, or by bringing the copies to him at the meeting.

Sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 22, 1997.

Joseph A. Hawkins,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Akron-Canton Regional Airport, Akron, OH

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Akron-Canton Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Public Law 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Frederick J. Krum, Director of Aviation of the Akron-Canton Regional Airport Authority Board at the following address: Akron-Canton Regional Airport, 5400 Lauby Road, P.O. Box 9, North Canton, Ohio 44720-1598.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Akron-Canton Regional Airport Authority Board under section 158.23 of Part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lawrence C. King, Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 (313-487-7293). The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

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