

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

[FR Doc. 98-18289 Filed 7-8-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4190-29-U

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2860]

The Office of Overseas Schools; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; the FS-573 (Overseas Schools Questionnaire), FS-573A (Information Regarding Professional Staff Members of Overseas Schools), FS-573B (Overseas School Summary Budget Information), and the FS-574 (Request for Assistance)

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collections described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Overseas Schools Questionnaire.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Information Regarding Professional Staff Members of Overseas Schools.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573A.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Overseas School Summary Budget Information.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-573B.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS).

Title of Information Collection: Request for Assistance.

Frequency: Annually.

Form Number: FS-574.

Respondents: American sponsored schools overseas.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 199.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 50 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments regarding the collection listed in this notice or requests for copies of the proposed collection and supporting documents should be directed to Charles S. Cunningham, Directives Management Branch, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, (202) 647-0596.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Fernando Burbano,

Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 98-18264 Filed 7-8-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-08-M

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); Notice of the Results of the 1997 Annual Review and 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews; Designation of Associations of Countries for Treatment as One Country

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of the GSP changes.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the disposition of the petitions accepted for review in the 1997 Annual Review of the GSP program, the results of the 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews, exclusions for products that exceeded the GSP competitive need limitations (CNLs), and the designation of the three associations of African countries each as eligible for treatment as a single country for purposes of the rule of origin requirements of the GSP program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 518, Washington, D.C. 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971. A press release on the GSP changes covered by this notice is available through the USTR Fax Retrieval System (202) 395-4809, or by contracting the USTR Office of the Public and Media Affairs at (202) 395-3230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP is provided for in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461-2465) (the 1974 Act). The President's decisions concerning the GSP changes addressed in this notice are also reflected in Proclamation No. 7107 of June 30, 1998. Unless otherwise specified, the changes in the GSP program addressed in this notice took effect on July 1, 1998.

In the 1997 Annual Review, the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee accepted for review fifteen petitions to designate as eligible for GSP treatment certain articles that currently are designated as GSP eligible articles only from least-developed beneficiary developing countries, one petition to withdraw GSP eligibility for a certain article; and ten petitions for CNL waivers (62 FR 43408 and 62 FR 50426). The disposition of these petitions is indicated in Annex I of this notice.

In the 1998 De Minimis Waiver and Redesignation Reviews, the appraised import values during 1997 of each GSP-eligible article were reviewed to

determine whether particular articles from particular GSP beneficiary developing countries exceeded the GSP CNLs. De minimis waivers were granted to certain articles which exceeded the 50 percent import share CNL, but for which the aggregate value of the imports of that article was below the 1997 de minimis level of \$13.5 million. Annex II to this notice contains a list of these articles.

Certain articles that had previously exceeded GSP CNLs but that had fallen below the CNLs in 1997 (\$80 million and 50 percent of U.S. imports of the article) were redesignated for GSP eligibility. These articles are listed in Annex III to this notice.

Articles that exceeded GSP CNLs in 1997, and that are newly excluded from GSP eligibility, are listed in Annex IV to this notice.

The President has determined that the members of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the Tripartite Commission for East African Cooperation (EAC) should each be treated as one country for purposes of the rule of origin of the GSP program. Proclamation No. 7107 of June 30, 1998 designated WAEMU as an association of countries that shall be treated as one country, and provides that the United States Trade Representative (USTR)

shall announce in one or more **Federal Register** notices the effective dates of designation for countries in the SADC and EAC.

The USTR has determined that three members of the SADC-Botswana, Mauritius, and Tanzania should be treated as one country for the purposes of the rule of origin requirements of the GSP program, effective on the date of publication of this notice. Annex V to this notice embodies this GSP change in the United States Harmonized Tariff Schedule.

Frederick L. Montgomery,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

BILLING CODE 3190-01-M

Annex I. Decisions on Product Petitions of the 1997 GSP Annual Review

Case		Product	Decision
		A. Petitions to Add Products to GSP	
97-1	0409.00.00	Natural Honey	Denied
97-2	0703.10.40	Fresh Onions	Granted
97-3	0712.90.75	Tomato Powder (dried)	Granted*
97-4	0812.10.00	Cherries (provisionally preserved)	Denied
97-5	2002.90.00	Tomato Powder (prepared, not in vinegar)	Granted*
97-6	2917.12.10	Adipic Acid	Denied
97-7	3204.12.20	Acid Dyes	Granted**
97-8	3204.12.30	Acid Dyes	Granted**
97-9	3204.12.45	Acid Dyes	Granted**
97-10	3204.12.50	Acid Dyes	Granted**
97-11	3824.90.28	Vegetable Oil Distillate	Granted
97-12	7108.12.50	Unwrought Gold (for electronics, dental)	Granted***
97-13	7108.13.70	Semi- manufactured Gold	Granted***
97-14	8108.10.50	Unwrought Titanium	Pending
97-15	8704.10.50	Articulated Dump Trucks	Granted***
		B. Petition to Remove Product from GSP	
97-16	3920.62.00	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film	Granted
		C. Petitions to Waive Competitive Need Limits for [Country]	
97-17	0811.20.20	Raspberries (frozen) [Chile]	Granted
97-18	1604.30.20	Caviar [Russia]	Granted
97-19	2849.90.50	Carbides [South Africa]	Granted***
97-20	2933.71.00	Caprolactam (6-Hexanelactam) [Russia]	Granted
97-21	4011.10.10	Car Tires, Radial [Brazil]	Denied
97-22	4011.10.50	Car Tires, Non -Radial. [Brazil]	Denied
97-23	4011.20.10	Truck Tires, Radial [Brazil]	Denied
97-24	4011.20.50	Truck Tires, Non-Radial. [Brazil]	Denied
97-25	8108.90.60	Wrought Titanium [Russia]	Granted
97-26	1701.11.10	Sugar [Brazil]	Denied

* Except for Turkey

** Except for Argentina and India

*** Implementation dates for eligibility and CNL waiver to be established by USTR

ANNEX II De MINIMIS WAIVERS

HTSUS	BENEFICIARY	\$ VALUE	SHARE OF US IMPORTS (1997)	DESCRIPTION
0304.10.30	Namibia.....	103,019	59.7%	Hake, filleted or minced, fresh or chilled
0305.20.20	Russia.....	18,500	100.0%	Sturgeon roe, dried, smoked, salted or in brine
0711.40.00	India.....	3,244,857	63.4%	Cucumbers including gherkins, provisionally preserved
0804.50.80	Thailand.....	1,424,365	51.1%	Guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens, dried
0813.40.10	Thailand.....	763,232	76.1%	Papayas, dried
1102.30.00	Thailand.....	3,321,954	78.7%	Rice flour
2008.99.35	Thailand.....	4,320,883	92.1%	Lychees and longans, otherwise prepared or preserved,
2309.90.70	Hungary.....	636,076	95.2%	Other preps nes with a basis of vitamin B12, for
2619.00.30	Venezuela.....	1,549,624	83.5%	Ferrous scale
2707.99.40	Venezuela.....	779,143	65.1%	Carbazole, from dist. of hi-temp coal tar or wt. of
2819.10.00	Kazakhstan.....	3,797,016	64.0%	Chromium trioxide
2825.30.00	Republic of South Africa*..	11,030,395	99.7%	Vanadium oxides and hydroxides
2825.70.00	Chile.....	7,613,271	68.9%	Molybdenum oxides and hydroxides
2841.70.10	Chile.....	4,740,596	73.7%	Ammonium molybdate
2841.90.10	Republic of South Africa*..	647,477	62.1%	Vanadates
2841.90.20	Kazakhstan.....	930,738	53.0%	Ammonium perrenate
2903.23.00	Brazil.....	8,645,517	79.7%	Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene)
2903.61.10	Brazil.....	729,541	96.6%	Chlorobenzene
2903.69.05	Hungary.....	28,381	73.7%	3-Bromo-alpha,alpha-trifluorotoluene; and other
2907.29.25	Republic of South Africa*..	131,704	57.2%	tert-Butylhydroquinone
2929.10.15	Brazil.....	2,207,908	86.6%	Mixtures of 2,4- and 2,6-toluenediisocyanates
2931.00.25	Brazil.....	2,107,735	99.8%	Pesticides of aromatic organo-inorganic
2933.19.45	Slovakia.....	8,502	66.9%	Nonaromatic drugs of heterocyclic compounds with
2933.40.08	Hungary.....	402,977	100.0%	4,7-Dichloroquinoline
2938.10.00	Brazil.....	1,111,143	79.6%	Rutoside (Rutin) and its derivatives
3808.30.20	Brazil.....	1,426,893	82.9%	Herbicides, antisprouting products and plant-growth
4202.22.35	Philippines.....	366,450	92.6%	Handbags with or without shoulder strap or without
4412.13.25	Brazil.....	2,604,109	56.2%	Plywood sheet n/o 6 mm thick, tropical hardwood outer
4412.14.25	Brazil.....	6,109,853	95.9%	Plywood sheet n/o 6 mm thick, outer ply of nontropical
4412.19.10	Brazil.....	963,513	96.8%	Plywood of wood sheets, n/o 6 mm thick each, with outer
4412.29.15	Russia.....	6,320,630	72.7%	Plywood nesoi, at least one hardwood outer ply nesoi,
4412.92.10	Brazil.....	67,670	100.0%	Plywood nesoi, softwood outer plies, least 1 ply tropical
4412.99.15	Brazil.....	315,711	100.0%	Plywood nesoi, softwood outer plies, no tropical hardwood
4412.99.45	Brazil.....	755,428	85.1%	Plywood nesoi, softwood outer plies, no trop. hard wood
5607.30.20	Philippines.....	4,577,085	81.8%	Twine, cordage, rope and cables of abaca or other hard
6116.99.35	Thailand.....	58,468	68.4%	Gloves, mittens & mitts specially designed for sports,
6501.00.30	Czech Republic.....	2,360,882	52.6%	Hat forms, hat bodies and hoods, not blocked to shape or
7113.20.30	Mauritius.....	959,876	68.2%	Base metal clad w/precious metal clasps and parts
7202.80.00	Russia.....	3,997,199	90.0%	Ferrotungsten and ferrosilicon tungsten
7604.10.30	Slovenia.....	4,847,079	72.6%	Aluminum (o/than alloy), bar and rods, with a round
8112.91.50	Chile.....	5,912,127	77.4%	Rhenium, unwrought; rhenium, powders
8112.99.00	Chile.....	3,224,801	52.4%	Gallium, hafnium, indium, niobium, rhenium, and thallium
8410.13.00	Egypt.....	835,000	62.5%	Hydraulic turbines and water wheels
8419.81.10	Thailand.....	4,446,374	50.2%	Microwave ovens for making hot drinks or for cooking
8455.90.40	Russia.....	3,060,128	57.5%	Parts for metal-rolling mills, other than rolls
8525.20.28	Thailand.....	6,810,286	50.8%	Radio transceivers, low power, operating on frequencies
8528.21.34	Thailand.....	140,210	87.2%	Non-high definition color video monitors, nonprojection
8543.90.64	Thailand.....	1,831,602	74.2%	Printed circuit assemblies of ion implanters
9013.10.30	Ukraine.....	3,090,335	70.3%	Telescopic sights for rifles designed for infrared
9401.90.15	Czech Republic.....	2,109,419	66.4%	Parts of seats nesoi, for bent-wood seats
9506.19.40	Czech Republic.....	1,557,025	76.5%	Cross country snow-ski equipment nesoi, and parts
9601.90.20	Philippines.....	3,938,643	57.5%	Shell, worked and articles thereof

* Implementation dates for waivers to be established by USTR

(The descriptions are generic and unofficial. Official definitions are contained in the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule under the relevant HTSUS numbers. The abbreviations nes, nesi, and nesoi in the descriptions indicate basket categories of articles not included in other related tariff lines)

ANNEX III: REDESIGNATIONS

HTSUS	BENEFICIARY	\$ VALUE	SHARE OF US IMPORTS (1997)	DESCRIPTION
2916.31.15	Estonia.....	7,243,484	48.9%	Benzoic Acid
4411.19.40	Brazil.....	4,123,268	6.1%	Fiberboard nesi, density exceeding 0.8 g/cm ³
7103.99.10	Thailand.....	27,275,630	22.7%	Precious or semiprecious stones, nesoï, cut but not set
7615.19.10	Thailand.....	17,625	0.1%	Aluminum, cast cooking and kitchen ware, enameled or glazed
8112.11.60	Kazakhstan.....	0	0.0%	Beryllium, unwrought; beryllium, powders
8409.99.91	Brazil.....	52,800,233	14.3%	Parts nesi, used solely or principally with the engines
8409.99.99	Brazil.....	39,612,490	13.4%	Parts nesi, used solely or principally with compression
9025.11.20	Brazil.....	945,127	35.6%	Clinical thermometers, liquid-filled, for direct reading

ANNEX IV : ARTICLES EXCEEDING COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS

HTSUS	BENEFICIARY	\$ VALUE	SHARE OF US IMPORTS (1997)	DESCRIPTION
1604.15.00	Chile.....	10,119,724	63.5%	Prepared or preserved mackerel, whole or in pieces
2843.30.00	Colombia.....	65,696,693	90.1%	Gold compounds
2901.29.50	Republic of South Africa	18,970,276	84.5%	Unsaturated acyclic hydrocarbons, nesoï, not derived
4104.39.40	Argentina.....	99,144,096	70.4%	Upholstery leather, of bovine and equine leather, nesi
4409.10.40	Chile.....	97,772,101	36.0%	Standard wood moldings of pine (Pinus spp.), continuous
7113.19.29	India.....	101,064,433	14.0%	Gold necklaces and neck chains (o/than of rope or mixed
7113.19.50	Turkey.....	85,512,595	3.7%	Precious metal (o/than silver) articles of jewelry
7202.50.00	Russia.....	19,622,884	82.8%	Ferrosilicon chromium
8525.20.05	Philippines.....	26,075,823	51.7%	Citizens Band (CB) transceivers, hand-held
8528.12.16	Thailand.....	82,991,345	41.4%	Non-high def. color television reception app.,
8531.20.00	Philippines.....	84,474,877	9.0%	Indicator panels incorporating liquid crystal devices
8534.00.00	Thailand.....	83,266,874	4.0%	Printed circuits, without elements (other than connecting
8708.40.50	Brazil.....	39,738,781	58.2%	Pts. & access. of mtr. vehic. of 8701, nesoï
9001.30.00	Indonesia.....	75,099,015	58.9%	Contact lenses

Annex V Treatment of Association of Countries as One for GSP

Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after June 30, 1998, general note 4(a) of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by adding to the "Associations of countries (treated as one country)", the following:

Member Countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

Currently qualifying:

Botswana
Mauritius
Tanzania