

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**
**Notice with respect to List of Countries  
Denying Fair Market Opportunities for  
Government-Funded Airport  
Construction Projects**

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

**ACTION:** Notice with respect to a list of countries denying fair market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in airport construction procurements.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 533 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended (49 U.S.C. 50104), the United States Trade Representative ("USTR") has determined not to include any countries on the list of countries that deny fair market opportunities for U.S. products, supplies, or bidders in foreign government-funded airport construction projects.

**DATES:** Effective May 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Ellis, Director of Government Procurement Issues, (202) 395-3063; or Mélida Hodgson, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-3582.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 533 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended by section 115 of the Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987, Public Law 100-223 (codified at 49 U.S.C. 50104) ("the Act"), requires USTR to decide by May 1, 2001, whether any foreign countries have denied fair market opportunities to U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in connection with airport construction projects of \$500,000 or more that are funded in whole or in part by the governments of such countries. This first of such countries must be published in the **Federal Register**. For the purposes of the Act, USTR has decided not to include any countries on the list of countries that deny fair market opportunities for U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in foreign government-funded airport construction projects.

**Robert B. Zoellick,**  
*United States Trade Representative.*  
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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**
**Identification of Countries That Deny  
Adequate Protection, or Market  
Access, for Intellectual Property Rights  
Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of  
1974**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has submitted its annual report on the identification of those foreign countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to United States persons that rely upon intellectual property protection, and those foreign countries determined to be priority foreign countries, to the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives, pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242).

**DATES:** This report was submitted on April 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kira Alvarez, Director for Intellectual Property, (202) 395-6864, or Stephen Kho, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 395-3581.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 182 of the Trade Act requires USTR to identify within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimates Report all trading partners that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to United States persons that rely upon intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices that have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on the relevant United States products must be identified as "priority foreign countries," unless they are entering into good faith negotiations or are making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations to provide adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights. In identifying countries in this manner, the USTR is directed to take into account the history of intellectual property laws and practices of the foreign country, including any previous identifications as a priority foreign

country, and the history of efforts of the United States, and the response of the foreign country, to achieve adequate and effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights. In making these determinations, the USTR must consult with the Register of Copyrights, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, other appropriate officials of the Federal Government and take into account information from other sources such as information submitted by interested persons.

On April 30, 2001, USTR identified 51 trading partners that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property or deny fair and equitable market access to United States artists and industries that rely upon intellectual property protection. USTR also reaffirmed Ukraine's designation as a Priority Foreign Country, which occurred on March 12, 2001. In addition, USTR again designed Paraguay and China for "Section 306 monitoring" to ensure both countries comply with the commitments made to the United States under bilateral intellectual property agreements.

USTR also announced placement of 16 trading partners on the "Priority Watch List": Argentina, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, the European Union, Hungary, India, Israel, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, the Philippines, Russia, Taiwan, and Uruguay. USTR placed 32 trading partners on the "Watch List." Countries that were not mentioned in the report last year but are on the Watch List this year include: New Zealand, the Slovak Republic, and the United Arab Emirates. In addition, out-of-cycle reviews will be conducted of Costa Rica, Malaysia, Lithuania. While Georgia, the Kyrgyz Republic, Japan and the Bahamas are not listed. USTR will also conduct out-of-cycle reviews of each later in the year, and of Japan and the Bahamas as warranted.

**Kira M. Alvarez,**  
*Director of Intellectual Property.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
**Coast Guard**

**[USCG 2001-8629]**

**Information Collections Under Review  
by the Office of Management and  
Budget (OMB): 2115-0557, 2115-0100,  
and 2115-0618**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the three Information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before June 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to (1) the Docket Management System (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG 2001-8629 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published (66 FR 10768 (February 16, 2001)) the 60-day notice required by OMB. That notice elicited no comments.

##### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's

estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Numbers of all ICRs addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2001-8629. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* Advance Notice of Vessels' Arrival and Departure.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0557.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators of vessels.

*Forms:* This collection of information does not require the public to fill out Coast Guard forms, but does require certain vessels bound for ports or places in the United States to provide advance notice of arrival to the Coast Guard's Captains of the Ports.

*Abstract:* The Ports and Waterways Safety Act authorizes the Coast Guard to require pre-arrival message or messages from any vessel entering a port or place in the United States.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 21,288 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Carriage of Bulk Solids Requiring Special Handling—46 CFR part 148.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0100.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators of vessels that carry certain bulk solids.

*Form:* This collection of information does not require the public to fill out Coast Guard forms, but does require the shipping industry to apply for special permits to ship hazardous materials in bulk solid form.

*Abstract:* The information in the application for a special permit allows the Coast Guard to: (1) Determine the severity of the hazard posed by the material; (2) set specific guidelines for safe carriage; or, (3) if the material presents too great a hazard, deny permission for shipping the material.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 830 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Questionnaire on Boating Statistics.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0618.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Recreational boaters.  
*Form:* CG-5599.

*Abstract:* The Office of Boating Safety of the Coast Guard may collect, analyze, and annually publish statistical information on recreational-boating accidents (46 U.S.C. 6102 (b)). Accordingly, the Coast Guard publishes an annual report, *Boating Statistics* (COMDTPUBP16754). This report contains statistics and other information on recreational-boating accidents. The statistics are derived from data on Recreational Boating Accident Reports submitted by the States, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. Territories.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 320 hours a year.

Dated: May 2, 2001.

V.S. Crea,

Director of Information and Technology.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Coast Guard

[CGDB-01-010]

##### Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working committee will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, Houston/Galveston-area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Houston/Galveston area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The full Committee meeting will be held at the offices of the Houston Pilots. The pilot office is located at 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas. The working group meeting will be held at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Wayne Gusman, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.