

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Office of the General Counsel; Laws or Regulations Posing Barriers to Electronic Commerce**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, 30-day re-opening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, on behalf of the Subgroup on Legal Barriers to Electronic Commerce ("Legal Barriers Subgroup") of the U.S. Government Working Group on Electronic Commerce, re-opens for an additional 30 days the response period for our request for public comments and suggestions concerning policies, laws or regulations that need to be adapted in order to eliminate barriers to and promote electronic commerce, electronic services, and electronic transactions. The original notice was published on February 1, 2000, with comments to be provided by March 17, 2000 (65 FR 4801).

**DATES:** Comments are requested by April 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted via the Web at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/respond>. Alternatively, electronic submissions may be sent as documents attached to E-mail messages addressed to [ebarriers@ita.doc.gov](mailto:ebarriers@ita.doc.gov). Submissions made as E-mail attachments or submitted on floppy disks should be in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word or ASCII format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name of the party and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. Paper submissions may be mailed to the Subgroup on Legal Barriers to Electronic Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2815, Washington DC 20230. If possible, paper submissions should include floppy disks in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word or ASCII format. Except for floppy disks with paper submissions, duplicate copies should not be submitted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Clark, phone: 202-482-3843; E-mail [kclark@doc.gov](mailto:kclark@doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Department of Commerce has determined that it is appropriate to re-open the record for comments concerning the above-described request for public comments for an additional 30-day period in order: (1) To officially accommodate the significant number of comments being filed somewhat beyond the original comment deadline; and (2)

to allow a reasonable, but limited, time for interested parties to augment their previous comments, or to file original comments, in light of the comments of other parties, which have been routinely posted on our Web site at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/review> as soon as practicable after their receipt. Comments filed after April 24, 2000, will not be considered by the Subgroup. Detailed background information concerning the original request for comments is contained in the above-cited **Federal Register** notice, a copy of which is also posted at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/fedreg1>. A copy of this notice can be found at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/fedreg2>.

**Publication:**

Comments will be published online at <http://www.ecommerce.gov/ebarriers/review>. Respondents should not submit materials that they do not desire to be made public.

**Authority:**

Presidential Memorandum, "Facilitating the Growth of Electronic Commerce," dated November 29, 1999.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

**Andrew J. Pincus,**

*General Counsel, Department of Commerce.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Advisory Committee on Africa; Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration/Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Africa was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Deputy Secretary of Commerce on commercial policy issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**TIME AND PLACE:** March 30, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting will take place at the Main Department of Commerce Building, Room 4830, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**AGENDA:**

1. Review of recent trends in U.S. trade with Africa.
2. Discuss proposals for a Workshop for African Trade Ministers on the World Trade Organization.
3. Discuss commercial implications of the coup d'etat in Cote d'Ivoire.
4. Discuss actions U.S. firms are taking to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa.

5. Discuss Commercial Law Development Programs in Africa.

6. Review status and prospects for passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation. Seating will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Members of the public who plan to attend are requested to advise Ms. Alicia Robinson, Office of Africa, tel: 202-482-5148, fax: 202-482-5198, e-mail: [alicia\\_robinson@ita.doc.gov](mailto:alicia_robinson@ita.doc.gov) by March 28, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Alicia Robinson, Office of Africa, Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce; tel: 202-482-5148, fax: 202-482-5198, e-mail: [alicia\\_robinson@ita.doc.gov](mailto:alicia_robinson@ita.doc.gov).

Dated: March 20, 2000.

**Sally Miller,**

*Director, Office of Africa.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF**

**PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 65 FR 11988.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2000.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has cancelled the meeting on proposed regulation 1.41(z).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Government-Owned Invention Available for Licensing**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the general availability of exclusive or partially exclusive licenses under the following pending patent. Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37