

manufacturer or processor of the product.

This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.406(b). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

As implemented in SBA's regulations at 13 CFR 121.1204, in order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal government within the last 24 months. The SBA defines "class of products" based on six digit coding systems. The first coding system is the Office of Management and Budget North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The second is the Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

The SBA received a request on July 15, 2004 to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Sporting and Athletic Goods Manufacturing. In response, on July 30, 2004, SBA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Sporting and Athletic Goods Manufacturing.

SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products. In response to this notice, comments were received from interested parties. SBA has determined from these sources that there are no small business manufacturers of this class of products, and is therefore granting the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for Sporting and Athletic Goods Manufacturing, NAICS 339920.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17).

Dated: November 3, 2004.

Arthur Collins,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA), as Amended: Notice Regarding the 2003 and 2004 Annual Reviews

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in September 2004 to review certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the ATPA eligibility criteria. This notice publishes a list of the September 2004 petitions that were filed in response to the announcement of the annual review. In addition, this notice specifies the status of those petitions filed in 2003 that have remained under review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bennett M. Harman, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Latin America, at (202) 395-9446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ATPA (19 U.S.C. 3201 *et seq.*), as renewed and amended by the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act of 2002 (ATPDEA) in the Trade Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-210), provides trade benefits for eligible Andean countries. Pursuant to section 3103(d) of the ATPDEA, USTR promulgated regulations (15 CFR part 2016) (68 FR 43922) regarding the review of eligibility of countries for the benefits of the ATPA, as amended.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated August 14, 2003, USTR initiated the 2003 ATPA Annual Review and announced a deadline of September 15, 2003, for the filing of petitions (68 FR 48657). Several of these petitions requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries regarding compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 203(c) and (d) and section 204(b)(6)(B) of the ATPA, as amended (19 U.S.C. 3203 (c) and (d); 19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(6)(B)).

In a **Federal Register** notice dated November 13, 2003, USTR published a list of the responsive petitions filed pursuant to the announcement of the annual review. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has conducted a preliminary review of these petitions. 15 CFR 2016.2(b) provides for announcement of the results of the preliminary review on or about December 1. 15 CFR 2016.2(b) also provides for modification of the schedule if specified by **Federal**

Register notice. In a **Federal Register** notice dated December 30, 2003, USTR modified the schedule for this review, specifying that the results would be announced on or about March 31, 2004. In a **Federal Register** notice dated April 5, 2004, USTR modified the schedule for this review. In a **Federal Register** notice dated July 21, 2004, USTR announced that the Trade Policy Staff Committee had determined that certain of the petitions do not require action and terminated their review. The TPSC also decided to modify the date of the announcement of the results of preliminary review for the remaining 2003 petitions to coincide with the 2004 review: Engelhard—Peru; Princeton Dover—Peru; LeTourneau—Peru; Duke Energy—Peru; AFL—CIO—Ecuador; Human Rights Watch—Ecuador; and US/LEAP—Ecuador.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated August 17, 2004, USTR initiated the 2004 ATPA Annual Review and announced a deadline of September 15, 2004 for the filing of petitions (69 FR 51138). Following is the list of responsive petitions that were filed for the 2004 review:

Ecuador—American Cast Iron Pipe Company
Ecuador—Chevron Texaco
Ecuador—Electrolux Home Products, Inc.
Peru—Parsons Corporation
USTR also received updated information regarding certain matters under consideration from the 2003 ATPA review:
Ecuador—Human Rights Watch
Ecuador—U.S./Labor Education in the Americas Project
Peru—LeTourneau of Peru

USTR will announce the results of the preliminary review of the 2004 petitions and the remaining 2003 petitions on or about December 1, 2004.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Extension of Deadline for Submission of Petitions for the 2004 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the deadline for the submission of petitions

for the 2004 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review to December 13, 2004. Notification of which petitions are accepted for the 2004 Annual GSP Review and of other relevant dates will be published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Submit petitions by electronic mail (e-mail) to FR0441@ustr.gov. If unable to submit petitions by e-mail, contact the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508, at (202) 395-6971.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), as amended (the "Trade Act"), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

2004 Annual GSP Review

The GSP regulations (15 CFR part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review, unless otherwise specified by **Federal Register** notice. Notice is hereby given that, in order to be considered in the 2004 Annual GSP Product and Country Eligibility Practices Review, all petitions to modify the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under GSP or to review the GSP status of any beneficiary developing country must be received by the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee no later than 5 p.m. on December 13, 2004. Petitions submitted after the extended deadline will not be considered for review.

Interested parties, including foreign governments, may submit petitions to:

- (1) Designate additional articles as eligible for GSP benefits, including to designate articles as eligible for GSP benefits only for countries designated as least-developed beneficiary developing countries, or only for countries designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA);
- (2) withdraw, suspend or limit the application of duty-free treatment

accorded under the GSP with respect to any article, either for all beneficiary developing countries, least-developed beneficiary developing countries or beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, or for any of these countries individually; (3) waive the "competitive need limitations" for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles (these limits do not apply to either least-developed beneficiary developing countries or beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries); and (4) otherwise modify GSP coverage. As specified in 15 CFR 2007.1, all product petitions must include a detailed description of the product and the subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under which the product is classified.

Any person may also submit petitions to review the designation of any beneficiary developing country, including any least-developed beneficiary developing country, with respect to any of the designation criteria listed in sections 502(b) or 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2462(b) and (c)) (petitions to review the designation of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries are considered in the Annual Review of the AGOA, a separate administrative process not governed by the GSP regulations). Such petitions must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR 2007.0(b).

Requirements for Submissions

All such submissions must conform to the GSP regulations set forth at 15 CFR part 2007, except as modified below. These regulations are reprinted in "A Guide to the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)" (August 1991) ("GSP Guidebook"), available at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

Any person or party making a submission is strongly advised to review the GSP regulations. Submissions that do not provide the information required by sections 2007.0 and 2007.1 of the GSP regulations will not be accepted for review, except upon a detailed showing in the submission that the petitioner made a good faith effort to obtain the information required. Petitions with respect to waivers of the "competitive need limitations" must meet the information requirements for product addition requests in section 2007.1(c) of the GSP regulations. A model petition format is available from the GSP Subcommittee and is included in the GSP Guidebook. Petitioners are requested to use this model petition format so as to ensure that all information requirements are met. Furthermore, interested parties

submitting petitions that request action with respect to specific products should list on the first page of the petition the following information after typing "2004 Annual GSP Review": (1) The requested action; (2) the HTSUS subheading in which the product is classified; and (3) if applicable, the beneficiary developing country. Petitions and requests must be submitted, in English, to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee, Trade Policy Staff Committee, and must be received no later than December 13, 2004. Submissions in response to this notice will be available for public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6. If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential submission must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in large, bold letters at the top and bottom of each and every page of the document. The public version that does not contain business confidential information must also be clearly marked in large, bold letters at the top and bottom of each and every page (either "PUBLIC VERSION" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL"). Documents that are submitted without any marking might not be accepted or will be considered public documents.

In order to facilitate prompt consideration of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic mail (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. E-mail submissions should be single copy transmissions in English with the total submission including attachments not to exceed 50 pages in 12-point type and 3 megabytes as a digital file attached to an e-mail transmission. E-mail submissions should use the following subject line: "2004 Annual GSP Review-Petition." Documents must be submitted as either WordPerfect (".WPD"), MSWord (".DOC"), or text (".TXT") file. Documents cannot be submitted as electronic image files or contain imbedded images (for example, ".JPG", ".TIF", ".PDF", ".BMP", or ".GIF") as these type files are generally excessively large. E-mail submissions containing such files will not be accepted. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel, pre-formatted for printing

on 8½ by 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files. E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself, including identifying information on the sender, including sender's e-mail address.

For any document containing business confidential information submitted as an electronic attached file to an e-mail transmission, in addition to the proper marking at the top and bottom of each page as previously specified, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the person or party (government, company, union, association, etc.) submitting the petition. Submissions by e-mail should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself. The electronic mail address for these submissions is FR0441@USTR.GOV.

Documents not submitted in accordance with the GSP regulations as modified by these instructions might not be considered in this review.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review approximately 30 days after the due date by appointment in the USTR Public Reading Room, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. Availability of documents may be ascertained, and appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 395-6186.

Dated:

H.J. Rosenbaum,

Acting Executive Director GSP; Acting Chairman, GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Disclosure

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice on disclosure of higher prices for airfares purchased over the telephone via telephone reservations centers or at airline ticket offices, and surcharges that may be listed separately in fare advertisements.

SUMMARY: The Department is publishing the following notice disclosure of higher prices for airfares purchased over the telephone via telephone reservations centers or at airline ticket offices, and surcharges that may be listed separately in fare advertisements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicholas Lowry, Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (C-70), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-9349.

This notice is intended to provide guidance on two matters related to compliance with 14 CFR 399.84, the Department's rule on full fare advertising, and the underlying statutory proscription in 49 U.S.C. 41712 against unfair and deceptive trade practices. First, we address the disclosure in fare advertisements of higher prices, recently introduced by several air carriers, for tickets purchased at ticket counters or by telephone.¹ Second, by this notice, we are advising carriers of the current policy of the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (Aviation Enforcement Office) with regard to the disclosure of "government-approved" surcharges.

A number of air carriers and foreign air carriers have recently started charging higher prices for tickets purchased by telephone or at ticket offices. Such airlines advertise base fares on the Internet or in print or other media, make the advertised fares available for purchase via the Internet only, and charge higher prices if customers purchase their tickets via an airline's telephone reservation system or at its airport or city ticket counter. Section 399.84 mandates that the advertised fare be the full fare to be paid by the customer. Any practice of excluding from advertised fares extra "fees" charged to customers that purchase tickets over the telephone through airline reservation centers, or at airport or city ticket counters, therefore, would violate 14 CFR 399.84, and constitute an unfair and deceptive trade practice and an unfair method of competition in violation of 49 U.S.C. 41712.

¹ Some carriers have referred to this increase in the price for tickets bought from them over the telephone or at a ticket counter as a "service fee" or by a similar phrase. However, in the context of the full fare advertising rule, such carrier-imposed "fees" are a part of the fare and must be treated as such in airfare advertising.

In order to avoid enforcement action, carriers and their agents who charge more for tickets not purchased over the Internet (*e.g.* by telephone or at ticket offices) must prominently disclose to customers that specific fares advertised are available only for tickets purchased via the Internet. In addition, we believe that 49 U.S.C. 41712 and 14 CFR 399.84 require carriers to state in such advertising that tickets cost more than the advertised price if purchased over the telephone or at an airport or city ticket office. Moreover, we believe it would be informative and beneficial for consumers if carriers also state the amount of the increased price in the advertisements, for example, by stating that tickets cost \$5 more if purchased by telephone or at an airport or city ticket office. However, this increase in price may not be characterized as a carrier-imposed "fee" lest the advertisement run afoul of the full fare advertising rule.² Accordingly, the Aviation Enforcement Office will pursue enforcement action with regard to the advertisements in question if the increased fare is merely described in terms of a service, processing, administrative, ticketing center, call center, or similar carrier-imposed "fee."

Carriers, however, may use the aforementioned "fee" terms when describing the additional charge for telephone and/or ticket counter purchases in contexts that do not list specific fares and are thus not subject to 14 CFR 399.84. Carriers may disclose such charges and refer to them as "fees," for example, in an audio introduction on an airline telephone reservation system, stating that tickets purchased over the telephone via the airline telephone reservation system, and/or at airline ticket counters, are subject to an additional carrier-imposed "fee," so long as the total fares eventually quoted to consumers include the "fee."

A second topic we wish to address relates to "government-approved surcharges." In the past, we have not pursued enforcement action against carriers that listed in fare advertisements "government-imposed and government-approved" surcharges separately from the base fare quotations, so long as the existence of these

² The full-fare advertising rule was adopted in large part to eliminate the prior practice where sellers of air transportation hid the true price of tickets by listing "service fees" in the fine print of advertisements. The Aviation Enforcement Office, therefore, does not believe the increased price of tickets purchased at ticket counters or by telephone should be referred to in terms of a "service fee" in fare advertisement because this could lead to significant confusion and a return to the prior unacceptable advertising practice.