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Dated: May 25, 2000.

**William B. Bader,**

*Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Dockets No. 301-62a and 301-100a]

### Proceedings Concerning the European Communities' Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas and the European Communities' Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments

**SUMMARY:** The interagency Section 301 Committee is soliciting written comments on possible modifications to actions taken by the United States as a result of the European Communities' (EC) failure to implement the recommendations and rulings of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body in proceedings regarding (i) the EC's regime for the importation, sale, and distribution of bananas (the EC-Bananas case) and (ii) the EC's ban on the import of U.S. meat and meat products produced from

animals treated with certain hormones (the EC-Beef Hormones case). Comments are requested with respect to the products listed in the annexes to this notice. The Section 301 Committee will consider the comments received in response to this notice, as well as comments previously received with respect to particular products. Accordingly, persons who have previously submitted comments with respect to particular products are requested not to resubmit such comments, although persons may wish to submit updates to previously submitted comments. The relevant statutory provision provides that the actions taken by the United States in the Beef and Bananas cases should be modified, unless (1) the USTR and the affected U.S. industries agree that such changes are unnecessary, or (2) resolution of the case is imminent.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, written comments should be submitted by 5 p.m. on June 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Chairman, Section 301 Committee, Attn: Implementation of WTO Recommendations, Room 100, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-3419, for questions concerning procedures for filing submissions in response to this notice; Ralph Ives, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, (202) 395-6127, for questions concerning the EC-Bananas case or the EC-Beef Hormones case; or William Busis, Associate General Counsel (202) 395-3150, for questions concerning procedures under Section 301 or the WTO Agreement.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. The EC-Bananas Case**

The EC's regime governing the importation, sale, and distribution of bananas is discriminatory and has harmed the economic interests of the United States by denying to U.S. companies a major portion of their banana distribution business. WTO dispute settlement panels have confirmed that the EC's banana regime is inconsistent with the EC's obligations under the WTO Agreement. Furthermore, WTO arbitrators have determined that the EC's banana regime has nullified or impaired U.S. benefits under the WTO Agreement in the amount of \$191.4 million per year. The procedural and substantive background of the U.S. investigation under Sections 301 to 309 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Section 301") and the

associated WTO proceedings concerning the EC's banana regime is set forth in prior notices (64 FR 19,209, 63 FR 71,665, 63 FR 63,099, 63 FR 56,687, and 63 FR 8248)

As a result of the EC's failure to comply with recommendations and rulings of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) to bring its discriminatory banana regime into compliance with WTO obligations, on April 19, 1999 the DSB authorized the United States to suspend the application to the EC, and member States thereof, of WTO tariff concessions and related obligations covering trade in an amount of \$191.4 million per year. Pursuant to that authorization, the USTR announced a list of EC products, reprinted in Annex I to this notice, that would be subject to a 100 percent rate of duty (64 FR 19209).

Since that time, the United States and the EC have continued to consult in an effort to resolve this dispute. However, the EC has still failed to bring its banana regime into compliance with the EC's obligations under the WTO Agreement.

**B. The EC-Beef Hormones Case**

The EC bans the import of beef and beef products produced from animals to which certain hormones have been administered, despite the facts that such products have been consumed safely for decades and that no scientific basis exists for imposing such a ban. The effect of the EC ban is to prohibit the import of substantially all U.S.-produced beef and beef products. WTO panels have confirmed that the EC has no scientific basis for banning imports of U.S. beef, and that the EC ban is inconsistent with the EC's WTO obligations. Furthermore, WTO arbitrators have determined that the EC's import ban on U.S. beef and beef products has nullified or impaired U.S. benefits under the WTO Agreement in the amount of \$116.8 million each year. The procedural and substantive background of the U.S. investigation under Section 301 and the associated WTO proceedings concerning the EC's beef import ban is set forth in prior notices (64 FR 40,638 and 64 FR 14,486).

As a result of the EC's failure to comply with DSB recommendations and rulings concerning its beef import ban, on July 26, 1999 the DSB authorized the United States to suspend the application to the EC, and member States thereof, of WTO tariff concessions and related obligations covering trade in an amount of \$116.8 million per year. Pursuant to that authorization, the USTR announced a list of EC products, reprinted in Annex III to this notice, that would be subject

to a 100 percent rate of duty (64 FR 40638).

Since that time, the United States and the EC have continued to consult in an effort to resolve this dispute. However, the EC has still failed to bring its measures governing the import of U.S. beef and beef products into compliance with the EC's obligations under the WTO Agreement.

### C. Section 407 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000

Section 407 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-200, amends Section 301 by requiring the USTR to review retaliation lists or other actions under Section 301 and to revise them, in whole or in part, 120 days after their initial effective date, and every 180 days thereafter. The provision applies to actions taken under Section 301—such as the above-described actions in the EC-Bananas and the EC-Beef Hormones cases—as the result of a WTO Member's failure to implement DSB recommendations in a dispute settlement proceeding.

Section 407 provides exceptions in the event that (1) the USTR and the Section 301 petitioner (or, if USTR self-initiated the Section 301 investigation, the affected U.S. industry) agree that changing the retaliation list or other action under Section 301 is unnecessary, or (2) resolution of the case is imminent.

Section 407 provides that the standard for making changes is to select changes that are most likely to result in implementation of the DSB recommendations, or in achieving some other satisfactory resolution of the dispute. The conference report accompanying the legislation confirms that Congress intends for the USTR, in accordance with WTO dispute settlement rules, to ensure that the level of retaliation remains within the level authorized by the WTO DSB.

The provision also requires that retaliation lists—both initially and after each of the periodic changes—include reciprocal goods of the U.S. industries affected by a WTO Member's noncompliance. This reciprocity requirement applies to the retaliatory action in the EC-Beef Hormones case. However, Section 407 includes an exception that makes the reciprocity requirement inapplicable to the retaliatory action in the EC-Bananas case.

The Trade and Development Act of 2000 was enacted on May 18, 2000, and Section 407 of the Act entered into force on that date. Section 407 does not include a transition clause specifying the schedule for changes in existing

retaliation lists (that is, the lists in the EC-Bananas and EC-Beef Hormones cases). The conference report accompanying the legislation states that the conferees expect initial action within 30 days after entry into force. The Section 301 Committee will work to develop recommendations consistent with this time frame and with the need to obtain and to examine public comments.

### D. Request for Public Comments

The Section 301 Committee closely monitors actions taken under Section 301 to ensure that such actions remain practicable and effective in terms of obtaining the elimination of the acts, policies, or practices of foreign governments that are the subject of the 301 investigation. To assist in this monitoring and in the implementation of Section 407 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, the USTR seeks public comments with respect to the products on the lists in the Annexes to this notice.

All products listed in the Annexes were included on preliminary lists with respect to which USTR had previously sought public comment. The Section 301 Committee will consider the comments received in response to this notice, as well as comments previously received with respect to particular products. Accordingly, persons who have previously submitted comments with respect to particular products are requested not to resubmit such comments, although persons may wish to submit updates to previously submitted comments. The Section 301 Committee will consider all public comments in developing its recommendations to the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee, which in turn will provide recommendations to the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

Annex I consists of products, drawn from the list in Annex II, currently subject to 100 percent duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the EC-Bananas case. Annex II consists of a product list which the United States included in a request to the WTO DSB for authorization to suspend WTO concessions in connection with the EC-Bananas case. Annex III consists of products, drawn from the list in Annex IV, currently subject to 100 percent duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the EC-Beef Hormones case. Annex IV consists of a product list which the United States included in a request to the WTO DSB for authorization to suspend WTO concessions in connection with the EC-Beef Hormones case.

Concerning products currently subject to 100 percent duties (listed in Annex I for the EC-Bananas case and Annex III for the EC-Beef Hormones case), the Section 301 Committee invites comments with respect to whether the products should continue to be subject to such duties, and with respect to whether the current 100 percent rate of duty is high enough to have the intended effect of being prohibitive. Concerning products on the attached lists not currently subject to 100 percent duties (included in Annex II for the EC-Bananas case and Annex IV for the EC-Beef Hormones case), the Section 301 Committee invites comments with respect to whether the products should be subject to 100 percent duties, and with respect to whether a 100 percent rate of duty would be high enough to have the intended effect of being prohibitive.

The comments sought by the Section 301 Committee with respect to particular products include (i) whether maintaining or imposing prohibitive duties on a particular product would be practicable or effective in terms of encouraging a favorable resolution of the dispute, and (ii) whether maintaining or imposing prohibitive duties on a particular product would cause disproportionate economic harm to U.S. interests, including small- or medium-size businesses.

In the annexed products lists, the items with respect to which comments are requested are (1) classified in the indicated headings and the subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS); and (2) the product of the indicated member States of the European Communities. The product descriptions in the annexes are for information purposes only; the product descriptions are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of products that are the subject of this notice. Rather, the numerical headings and subheadings of the HTS listed in the annexes govern the scope of this notice. In the instances where a 4-digit HTS heading appears in the left column of the lists, comments are requested with respect to any of the products classified in any of the 8-digit subheadings appearing in the HTS indented under those 4-digit headings.

To be assured of consideration, written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2000.

Submissions must include on the first page a clear reference in bold and/or underlining to: (1) to actions taken in the EC-Bananas case, the EC-Beef Hormones case, or both, and (2) the HTS number(s) and product(s) which are the subject of the submission. Submissions

must state clearly the position taken and describe with particularity the supporting rationale, be in English, and be provided in twenty copies to: Chairman, Section 301 Committee, Attn: Implementation of WTO Recommendations, Room 100.

Written comments will be placed in files (Docket No. 301-62a for the EC-Beef Hormones case and No. 301-100a for the EC-Bananas case) open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR § 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR

§ 2006.15. Persons wishing to submit business confidential information must certify in writing that such information is confidential in accordance with 15 CFR § 2006.15(b), and such information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of twenty copies and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket that is open to public inspection.

An appointment to review Docket Nos. 301-62a and 301-100a may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101 of the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

**William L. Busis,**  
*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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## ANNEX I

**EC-Bananas - List of Products Currently Subject to Increased Duties**

The products listed below are currently subject to 100 percent *ad valorem* duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the *EC-Bananas* case. Each of the products listed below is under consideration for continued inclusion on a revised retaliation list, and for the imposition of duties above the current 100 percent *ad valorem* rate. In particular, increased tariffs may continue to be applied to, or may be raised with respect to, articles that are (i) classified in the numerical subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) listed below and (ii) products of one or more of the indicated member States of the European Communities. In all cases, the tariff nomenclatures in the HTS for the subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for **information purposes only**. The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products subject to increased duties.

Products of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, or the United Kingdom:

HTS No.	Product Description
33073050	Bath preparations, other than bath salts
42022215	Handbags, with or without shoulder straps or without handle, with outer surface of sheeting of plastics
42023210	Articles of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag, with outer surface of reinforced or laminated plastics
48055000	Uncoated felt paper and paperboard in rolls or sheets
48192000	Folding cartons, boxes and cases of noncorrugated paper or paperboard
49119120	Lithographs on paper or paperboard, not over 0.51 mm in thickness, printed not over 20 years at time of importation
63022190	Bed linen, not knit or crochet, printed, of cotton, not containing any embroidery, lace, braid, edging, trimming, piping or applique work, not napped
85072080	Lead-acid storage batteries other than of a kind used for starting piston engines or as the primary source of power for certain electric vehicles principally designed for the transport of up to nine persons

Products of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, or the United Kingdom (same as above country list, except Italy):

85167100	Electrothermic coffee or tea makers, for domestic purposes
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## ANNEX II

**EC-Bananas - List of Products under Consideration for the Imposition of Increased Duties**

The product list below **includes** the products, listed in Annex I, which are currently subject to increased duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the *EC-Bananas* case. All of the remaining products listed below are under consideration for the new imposition of increased duties of 100 percent *ad valorem* or more. In particular, increased tariffs may be applied to articles that are (i) classified in the numerical subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) listed below and (ii) products of one or more of the indicated member States of European Communities. In all cases, the tariff nomenclatures in the HTS for the subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for **information purposes only**. The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products that would be subject to increased duties.

Products of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, or the United Kingdom:

HTS Number	Product Description
02101900	Meat of swine, other than hams, shoulders, bellies (streaky) and cuts thereof, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
04069057	Pecorino cheese, from sheep's milk, in original loaves, not suitable for grating
19053000	Sweet biscuits; waffles and wafers
33073050	Bath preparations, other than bath salts
34060000	Candles, tapers and the like
39202000	Nonadhesive plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, noncellular, not reinforced or combined with other materials, of polymers of propylene
42022215	Handbags, with or without shoulder straps or without handle, with outer surface of sheeting of plastics
42023210	Articles of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag, with outer surface of reinforced or laminated plastics
48055000	Uncoated felt paper and paperboard in rolls or sheets
48192000	Folding cartons, boxes and cases of noncorrugated paper or paperboard
49090040	Printed cards (except postcards) bearing personal greetings, messages or announcements, with or without envelopes or trimmings
49119120	Lithographs on paper or paperboard, not over 0.51 mm in thickness, printed not over 20 years at time of importation
61101010	Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, waistcoats (vests) and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, wholly of cashmere
63022190	Bed linen, not knit or crochet, printed, of cotton, not containing any embroidery, lace, braid, edging, trimming, piping or applique work, not napped
85072080	Lead-acid storage batteries other than of a kind used for starting piston engines or as the primary source of power for certain electric vehicles principally designed for the transport of up to nine persons
85167100	Electrothermic coffee or tea makers, for domestic purposes
94051080	Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings (other than used for public spaces), not of base metal

## ANNEX III

**EC-Beef Hormones - List of Products Currently Subject to Increased Duties**

The products listed below are currently subject to 100 percent *ad valorem* duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the *EC-Beef Hormones* case. Each of the products listed below is under consideration for continued inclusion on a revised retaliation list, and for the imposition of duties above the current 100 percent *ad valorem* rate. In particular, increased tariffs may continue to be applied to, or may be raised with respect to, articles that are (i) classified in the numerical headings and subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) listed below and (ii) products of one or more of the indicated member States of the European Communities. In the instances where a 4-digit HTS heading appears in the left column of this list, products classified in any of the 8-digit subheadings appearing in the HTS under those 4-digit headings are currently subject to increased duties. In all cases, the tariff nomenclatures in the HTS for the headings and subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for **information purposes only**. The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products that would be subject to increased duties.

Products of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, or Sweden:

HTS	Description
0201	MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH OR CHILLED
0202	MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN
02031100	Meat of swine (pork), fresh or chilled, carcasses and half-carcasses
02031210	Meat of swine (pork), fresh or chilled, hams and shoulders and cuts thereof, bone in, processed
02031290	Meat of swine (pork), fresh or chilled, hams and shoulders and cuts thereof, bone in, other
02031920	Meat of swine (pork), fresh or chilled, other, processed
02031940	Meat of swine (pork), fresh or chilled, other
02032100	Meat of swine (pork), frozen, carcasses and half-carcasses
02032210	Meat of swine (pork), frozen, hams and shoulders and cuts thereof, bone in, processed
02032290	Meat of swine (pork), frozen, hams and shoulders and cuts thereof, bone in, other
02061000	Edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
02062100	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, tongues
02062200	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, livers
02062900	Edible offal of bovine animals, frozen, other
04064020	Roquefort cheese in original loaves, not grated or powdered, not processed
04064040	Roquefort cheese, other than in original loaves, not grated or powdered, not processed
07031040	Onions, other than onion sets or pearl onions not over 16 mm in diameter, and shallots, fresh or chilled
07095200	Truffles, fresh or chilled
07129010	Dried carrots, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared

16022020	Prepared or preserved liver of goose
16022040	Prepared or preserved liver of any animal other than of goose
19054000	Rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products
20098060	Juice of any other single fruit, (including cherries and berries), concentrated or not concentrated
21013000	Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof
21033040	Prepared mustard

Products of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, or Italy:

20021000	Tomatoes, whole or in pieces, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
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Products of France or the Federal Republic of Germany:

05040000	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof
21041000	Soups and broths and preparations therefor
55101100	Yarn (other than sewing thread) containing 85% or more by weight of artificial staple fibers, singles, not put up for retail sale

Products of France:

15059000	Fatty substances derived from wool grease (including lanolin)
18063100	Chocolate and other cocoa preparations, in blocks, slabs or bars, filled, not in bulk
20079905	Lingonberry and raspberry jams
02101100	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bone in, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
35061050	Products suitable for use as glues or adhesives, not exceeding 1 kg, put up for retail sale

## ANNEX IV

**EC-Beef Hormones - List of Products under Consideration for  
the Imposition of Increased Duties**

The product list below includes the products, listed in Annex III, which are currently subject to increased duties as a result of the EC's noncompliance in the *EC-Beef Hormones* case. All of the remaining products listed below are under consideration for the new imposition of increased duties of 100 percent *ad valorem* or more. In particular, increased tariffs may be applied to articles that are (i) classified in the numerical headings and subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) listed below and (ii) products of one or more of the member States of European Communities. In the instances where a 4-digit HTS heading appears in the left column of this list, products classified in any of the 8-digit subheadings appearing in the HTS under those 4-digit headings may be subject to increased duties. In all cases, the tariff nomenclatures in the HTS for the headings and subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for **information purposes only**. The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the products that would be subject to increased duties.

HTS	Description
0201	MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FRESH OR CHILLED
0202	MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN
0203	MEAT OF SWINE (PORK), FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN
0206	EDIBLE OFFAL OF BOVINE ANIMALS, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, HORSES ETC., FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN
0207	MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFAL OF POULTRY (CHICKENS, DUCKS, GEESE, TURKEYS AND GUINEAS), FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN
02101100	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof with bone in, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
02101200	Bellies (streaky) and cuts thereof of swine, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
02102000	Meat of bovine animals, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
02109020	Meat and edible offal of chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and guineas, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; flour and meal of these animals
02109040	Meat and edible offal nesoi, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; flour and meal, nesoi
04064020	Roquefort cheese in original loaves, not grated or powdered, not processed
04064040	Roquefort cheese, other than in original loaves, not grated or powdered, not processed
05040000	Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof
06039000	Cut flowers and flower buds, suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared
06049100	Foliage, branches and other parts of plants without flowers or flower buds, and grasses, suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, fresh
06049930	Foliage, branches, parts of plants without flowers or buds, and grasses, suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, dried or bleached
07020020	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled, entered during Mar.1 to July 14, or the period Sept.1 to Nov.14 in any year



HTS	Description
07020040	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled, entered during July 15 to Aug.31 in any year
07020060	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled, entered from Nov. 15 thru the last day of Feb. of the following year
07031040	Onions, other than onion sets or pearl onions not over 16 mm in diameter, and shallots, fresh or chilled
07095200	Truffles, fresh or chilled
07129010	Dried carrots, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared
07129074	Dried tomatoes, in powder
07129075	Dried tomatoes, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared
07129078	Dried tomatoes, whole, cut, sliced or broken but not further prepared
08024000	Chestnuts, fresh or dried, shelled or in shell
09042020	Paprika, dried or crushed or ground
10040000	Oats
11041200	Rolled or flaked grains of oats
11042200	Grains of oats, hulled, pearled, clipped, sliced, kibbled or otherwise worked, but not rolled or flaked
15059000	Fatty substances derived from wool grease (including lanolin)
1601	SAUSAGES AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS, OF MEAT, MEAT OFFAL OR BLOOD; FOOD PREPARATIONS BASED ON THESE PRODUCTS
16021000	Homogenized preparations of meat, meat offal or blood, nesoi
16022020	Prepared or preserved liver of goose
16022040	Prepared or preserved liver of any animal other than of goose
16023100	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of turkeys, nesoi
16023200	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of chickens, nesoi
16023900	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal of ducks, geese or guineas, nesoi
16024110	Prepared or preserved pork ham and cuts thereof, containing cereals or vegetables
16024120	Pork hams and cuts thereof, not containing cereals or vegetables, boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers
16024190	Prepared or preserved pork hams and cuts thereof, not containing cereals or vegetables, nesi
16024220	Pork shoulders and cuts thereof, boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers
16024240	Prepared or preserved pork shoulders and cuts thereof, other than boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers
16024910	Prepared or preserved pork offal, including mixtures
16024920	Pork other than ham and shoulder and cuts thereof, not containing cereals or vegetables, boned and cooked and packed in airtight containers
16024940	Prepared or preserved pork, not containing cereals or vegetables, nesoi

HTS	Description
16024960	Prepared or preserved pork mixed with beef
16024990	Prepared or preserved pork, nesoi
16025005	Prepared or preserved offal of bovine animals
16025009	Prepared or preserved meat of bovine animals, cured or pickled, not containing cereals or vegetables
16025010	Corned beef in airtight containers
16025020	Prepared or preserved beef in airtight containers, other than corned beef, not containing cereals or vegetables
16025060	Prepared or preserved meat of bovine animals, not containing cereals or vegetables, nesoi
16025090	Prepared or preserved meat of bovine animals, containing cereals or vegetables
17041000	Chewing gum, not containing cocoa, whether or not sugar-coated
17049025	Sugar confectionary cough drops, not containing cocoa
18063100	Chocolate and other cocoa preparations, in blocks, slabs or bars, filled, not in bulk
19054000	Rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products
20021000	Tomatoes, whole or in pieces, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
20029000	Tomatoes, other than whole or in pieces, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
20029040	Tomatoes, in powder, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid
20029080	Tomatoes (including paste and puree) prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, nesoi
20079905	Lingonberry and raspberry jams
20083042	Satsumas, prepared or preserved, in airtight containers, aggregate quantity n/o 40,000 metric tons/calendar yr
20083046	Satsumas, prepared or preserved, in airtight containers, aggregate quantity o/40,000 metric tons/calendar yr
20084000	Pears, otherwise prepared or preserved, nesoi
20087000	Peaches (excluding nectarines), otherwise prepared or preserved, nesoi
20096000	Grape juice (including grape must), concentrated or not concentrated
20098060	Juice of any other single fruit, nesoi, (including cherries and berries), concentrated or not concentrated
20099040	Mixtures of fruit juices, or mixtures of vegetable and fruit juices, concentrated or not concentrated
21013000	Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof
21033040	Prepared mustard
21041000	Soups and broths and preparations therefor
22011000	Mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored
23099010	Mixed feed or mixed feed ingredients used in animal feeding
35061050	Products suitable for use as glues or adhesives, nesoi, not exceeding 1 kg, put up for retail sale
55041000	Artificial staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of viscose rayon

HTS	Description
55101100	Yarn (other than sewing thread) containing 85% or more by weight of artificial staple fibers, singles, not put up for retail sale
85102000	Hair clippers, with self-contained electric motor
87112000	Motorcycles (incl. mopeds) and cycles, fitted w/ recip. internal-combustion piston engine w/capacity $\alpha$ /50 but n/o 250 cc
87113000	Motorcycles (incl. mopeds) and cycles, fitted w/ recip. internal-combustion piston engine w/capacity $\alpha$ /250 but n/o 500 cc

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requirement (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 burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on February 16, 2000 (65 FR 7913).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 30, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292), or Dian Deal, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW, Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6133). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104-13, section 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. sections 3501-3520), and its

implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.5, 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.12. On February 16, 2000, FRA published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting comment on ICRs that the agency was seeking OMB approval. 65 FR 7913. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b); 5 CFR 1320.12(d). Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30 day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507 (b)-(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); see also 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes that the 30 day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect. 5 CFR 1320.12(c); see also 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995.

The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The revised requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

**Title:** Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards and Event Recorder.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0004.

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

**Affected Public:** Railroads.

**Form(s):** FRA F 6180.49A.

**Abstract:** Under regulations issued pursuant to Congressional mandate, 49 U.S.C. 20137, trains must be equipped with event recorders. Event recorders are devices that record train speed, hot

box detection, throttle position, brake application, brake operations, time and signal conditions, and any other function that FRA considers necessary to monitor the safety of train operations. Event recorders provide FRA with information about how trains are operated, and if a train is involved in an accident, the devices afford data to FRA and other investigators necessary to determine the probable causes of the accident. Moreover, under 49 CFR Part 229, railroads are required to conduct daily, periodic, annual, and biennial tests of locomotives to measure the level of compliance with Federal regulations. The collection of information requires railroads to prepare written records indicating the repairs needed, the person making the repairs, and the type of repairs made. This information provides a locomotive engineer with information that the locomotive has been inspected and is in proper condition for use in service, and enables FRA to monitor compliance with the regulatory standards.

**Title:** Railroad Signal System Requirements.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130-0006.

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

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Form(s):** FRA F 6180.14; FRA F 6180.47.

**Abstract:** The regulations pertaining to railroad signal systems are contained in 49 CFR Parts 233 (Signal System Reporting Requirements), 235 (Instructions Governing Applications for Approval of a Discontinuance or Material Modification of a Signal System), and 236 (Rules, Standards, and Instructions Governing the Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Systems, Devices, and Appliances). Section 233.5 provides that each railroad must report to FRA within 24 hours after learning of an accident or incident arising from the failure of a signal appliance, device, method, or system to function or indicate as required by Part 236 of this title that