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Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-2104-025]

U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement: Potential Economy-Wide and Selected Sectoral Effects

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on March 30, 2007, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-2104-025, U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement: Potential Economy-wide and Selected Sectoral Effects, under § 2104(f) of the Trade Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804(f)), for the purpose of assessing the likely impact of the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors and the interests of U.S. consumers.

DATES: March 30, 2007: Receipt of request.

May 7, 2007: Deadline for receipt of requests to appear at hearing.

May 10, 2007: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

May 16, 2007, 9:30 a.m.: Public hearing.

May 23, 2007: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements and all other written submissions.

September 12, 2007: Anticipated date for transmitting report to USTR and the Congress.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions, including requests to

appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Project Leader Jennifer Baumert, Office of Industries (202-205-3450; jennifer.baumert@usitc.gov) or Deputy Project Leader Alan Treat, Office of Industries (202-205-3426; alan.treat@usitc.gov). For information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations at 202-205-1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As requested by the USTR, the Commission will prepare a report as specified in § 2104(f)(2)-(3) of the Trade Act of 2002 assessing the likely impact of the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors, including the impact the agreement will have on the gross domestic product, exports and imports; aggregate employment and employment opportunities; the production, employment, and competitive position of industries likely to be significantly affected by the agreement; and the interests of U.S. consumers.

In preparing its assessment, the Commission will review available economic assessments regarding the agreement, including literature concerning any substantially equivalent proposed agreement, and will provide in its assessment a description of the analyses used and conclusions drawn in such literature, and a discussion of areas of consensus and divergence between the various analyses and conclusions, including those of the Commission regarding the agreement.

Section 2104(f)(2) requires that the Commission submit its report to the President and the Congress not later than 90 days after the President enters into the agreement, which he can do 90

days after he notifies the Congress of his intent to do so. On March 30, 2007, the President notified the Congress of his intent to enter into a TPA with Panama. The USTR requested that the Commission provide its report as soon as possible.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 16, 2007, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than 5:15 p.m., May 7, 2007. Any pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., May 10, 2007, and any post-hearing briefs and statements should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2007; all such briefs and statements must be submitted in accordance with the requirements below under "written submissions." In the event that, as of the close of business on May 7, 2007, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or nonparticipant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-2000) after May 7, 2007, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements related to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2007.

All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential business information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by

facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by § 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202-205-2000 or edis@usitc.gov).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the "confidential" or "nonconfidential" version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission intends to prepare only a public report in this investigation. The report that the Commission sends to the President and the Congress and makes available to the public will not contain confidential business information. Any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing the report will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 167—The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of formula allocations for the Program Year (PY) 2007 NFJP, request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under Section 182(d) of the WIA of 1998, ETA is publishing the PY 2007 allocations for the NFJP, authorized under Section 167 of the WIA. The allocations are distributed to the states by a formula that estimates, by

state, the relative demand for NFJP services. The allocations in this notice apply to the PY beginning July 1, 2007.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 29, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Alina M. Walker, Program Manager, Division of Adult Services, Room S-4209, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, e-mail address: walker.alina@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alina M. Walker, Program Manager, Division of Adult Services, Room S-4209, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-2706 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background.

On May 19, 1999, ETA published a notice establishing new factors for the formula that allocates funds available for the NFJP in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 27390. This **Federal Register** notice is available at the following Internet address: <http://www.doleta.gov/MSFW/pdf/allocationtable.pdf>

The May 19, 1999, **Federal Register** may also be obtained by submitting a mail, e-mail or telephone request to Alina M. Walker, Program Manager, Division of Adult Services, Room S-4209, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20210, e-mail address: walker.alina@dol.gov, telephone number (202) 693-2706 (this is not a toll-free number).

The May 19, 1999, notice explained the purpose of the formula, *i.e.*, distributing funds geographically by state service area on the basis of each area's relative share of farmworkers who are eligible for enrollment in the NFJP. The data used to run the formula is comprised of a combination of data sets that were selected to yield the relative share distribution across states of eligible farmworkers. The combined-data set driven formula is substantially more relevant to the purpose of aligning the allocations with the eligible population than the allocations determined by the prior formula.

For PY 2007, the data factors used in the formula remain unchanged since they were first developed in 1999. The data sets used for determining each State's relative share of eligible farmworkers for PY 2007 were last updated in PY 2005 with more recent

data available from the 2000 Census, the 2003 National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS), and the 2002 Census of Agriculture, and also remain unchanged.

II. Limitations on Uses of Section 167 Funds

In appropriating the funds for PY 2007, Congress provided in the Fiscal Year 2007 Continuing Appropriations Resolution (Pub. L. 110-5) \$79,752,000 for carrying out Section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including \$74,302,000 for state service area grants, \$4,950,000 for migrant and seasonal farmworker housing grants, and \$500,000 for Section 167 training, technical assistance and related activities. Additional funding for migrant rest center activities is included in the \$500,000 available for technical assistance and training.

III. PY 2007 Allocation Formula

The calculation of the PY 2007 formula allocation distribution incorporates the state-by-state relative shares of eligible farmworkers developed for the PY 2005 formula allocations, using the updated data sets described above, with various adjustments applied since then. The PY 2005 calculation adjusted those state-by-state relative shares of eligible farmworkers by "hold-harmless" and "stop-loss"/"stop-gain" limits due to the introduction of the updated data. The following year, the PY 2006 formula allocations were proportionately based on the PY 2005 formula allocations and further adjusted by an additional \$3.8 million appropriated by Congress for states whose PY 2005 allocation had been reduced as a result of the updated data used for the PY 2005 allocation distribution. Detailed descriptions of the formula methodology for PY 2005 and 2006 are provided in the applicable announcements.

The PY 2007 appropriation for the WIA Section 167 program is \$74,302,000, which is \$470 less than the corresponding PY 2006 appropriation. To maintain stability of funding for the program and consistency with the PY 2006 congressional directions to the Department, the Department will distribute the \$74,302,000 of PY 2007 formula funding among all states in the same proportion as the distribution of the PY 2006 formula allocations.

IV. State Combinations

We anticipate a single plan of service for operating the PY 2007 NFJP in the jurisdiction comprised of Delaware and Maryland and the jurisdiction