

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Request for written submissions from the public.

**SUMMARY:** Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions of the Trade Act.) In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received on or before 10 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to [FR0606@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0606@ustr.eop.gov) (please note, "FR0606" consists of the numbers "zero-six-zero-six,") with "Special 301 Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a

confirmation copy sent electronically to the e-mail address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Jennifer Choe Groves*, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation and Chair of the Special 301 Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act, USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies or practices that are the basis of a country's designation as a Priority Foreign Country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act.

USTR may not identify a country as a Priority Foreign Country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

USTR requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, states, or other subdivisions of a country in which an act, policy, or practice deserve special attention in this year's report. Such mention may be positive or negative, so long as it deviates from the general norm in that country.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting United States cultural industries. The USTR must identify any act, policy or practice of Canada that affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Any act, policy or practice so identified shall be treated the same as an act, policy or practice which was the basis for a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country under Section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act, unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to Article 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, i.e., no later than April 30, 2007.

**Requirements for comments:** Comments should include a description

of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MS Word, .pdf, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided. For any document containing business confidential information, 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 character "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Submissions should not include separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

All comments should be addressed to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, and sent (i) electronically, to [FR0606@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0606@ustr.eop.gov) (please note, "FR0606" consists of the numbers "zero-six-zero-six,") with "Special 301 Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the email address above.

**Public inspection of submissions:** (1) Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file open for inspection at the USTR reading room, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Annex Building, 1724 F Street, NW., Room 1, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling Jacqueline Caldwell at (202) 395-6186. The USTR reading room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; or (2)

non-confidential submissions received in electronic form will be made available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

**Chris Wilson,**

*Acting Assistant USTR for Intellectual Property and Innovation.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, January 18, 2007, 9:30 a.m. (Open Portion) 9:45 a.m. (Closed Portion).

**PLACE:** Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Meeting Open to the Public from 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Closed portion will commence at 9:45 a.m. (approx.)

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. President's Report.
2. Tribute—Collister Johnson.
3. Approval of September 21, 2006 Minutes (Open Portion).

**FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

(Closed to the Public 10:15 a.m.)

1. Report from Audit Committee.
2. Auditor's Report to the Board.
3. Finance Project—Afghanistan.
4. Finance Project—Russia.
5. Finance Project—Jordan.
6. Finance Project—Global.
7. Finance Project—Global.
8. Finance Project—Latin America.
9. Finance Project—Jordan.
10. Finance Project—Lebanon/Jordan/Middle East.
11. Approval of September 21, 2006 Minutes (Closed Portion).
6. Pending Major Projects.
7. Reports.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:**

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: January 5, 2007.

**Dev Jagadesan,**

*Deputy General Counsel, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** Convening on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., and

continuing daily thereafter as needed, at 9:30 a.m. or after, until completed.

**PLACE:** Commission conference room, 901 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Recommendations in Docket No. R2006-1.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Regulatory Commission, 202-789-6820.

Dated: January 5, 2007.

**Steven W. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-27652; 812-13351]

### FBR Fund Advisers, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

December 29, 2006.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Temporary order and notice of application for a permanent order under section 9(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants have received a temporary order exempting them from section 9(a) of the Act, with respect to an injunction entered against Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc. ("FBR & Co.") on or about December 22, 2006 by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, until the Commission takes final action on an application for a permanent order. Applicants also have applied for a permanent order.

**APPLICANTS:** FBR Fund Advisers, Inc. ("FBR Advisers"), FBR Investment Services, Inc. ("FBRIS"), and FBR Investment Management, Inc. ("FBRIM") (collectively, the "Applicants").<sup>1</sup>

**FILING DATE:** The application was filed on December 22, 2006. Applicants have agreed to file a final amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

**HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING:** An order granting the application will be

<sup>1</sup> Applicants request that any relief granted pursuant to the application also apply to any other company of which FBR & Co. is or becomes an affiliated person, other than any company of which Emanuel J. Friedman is or becomes an affiliated person (together with Applicants, "Covered Persons").

issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on January 23, 2007, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants, c/o William Ginivan, General Counsel, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc., Potomac Tower, 1001 Nineteenth Street North, Arlington, VA 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marilyn Mann, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6813, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a temporary order and a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-551-5850).

### Applicants' Representations

1. FBR Advisers, FBRIS, and FBRIM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. ("FBR"). FBR, a Virginia corporation, is a diversified financial services holding company that engages in investment banking, institutional brokerage and asset management services, among other activities. FBR Advisers, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 ("Advisers Act"), serves as investment adviser to certain series of FBR Funds (the "Funds"), an open-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust and registered under the Act. FBRIS, a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"), serves as principal underwriter and distributor of shares of the Funds. FBRIM, an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act, serves as investment adviser to certain employees' securities companies ("ESCs"), as defined in section 2(a)(13) of the Act, which are