

groups of livestock of uniform quality and size help attract large volume buyers to sales at posted stockyards. They posit that this increases the level of competition among all buyers benefiting both small and large consignors. Finally, market agencies operating at posted stockyards argue they are under increasing pressure to compete with market agencies selling videotaped herds of cattle by satellite telecast or over the Internet. Video and Internet cattle sales tend to attract and draw consignments of large groups of cattle away from posted stockyards. Market agencies at posted stockyards feel the non-tiered volume-base rate discounts will help them compete more effectively for large consignment business.

GIPSA has examined its policy on non-tiered volume-based commission rate discounting and the arguments presented by livestock industry groups and market agencies. GIPSA has determined that it will change its policy to allow the use of non-tiered volume-based commission rate discounting methods in tariffs submitted for approval. GIPSA policy will not attempt to differentiate between levels of discounting but will rely on competition among markets and marketing systems to set rate levels that are fair to market agencies and livestock producers. However, GIPSA still will consider non-tiered volume-based rate discounts to be discriminatory if a market agency does not provide the same discount to all qualifying consignors.

#### **Rate Regulation Investigations and Compliance**

GIPSA will continue to investigate the validity of complaints alleging discriminatory rates for stockyard services (9 CFR 203.17(c)). Under the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 207(e)), GIPSA can suspend the use of new rates believed to be unlawful. With or without complaints received, GIPSA may conduct an investigation and provide an opportunity for a hearing on a rate tariff set for stockyard services and if a rate is deemed in violation of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 205, 206, 207), GIPSA can establish a different rate and order the market agency to cease using the rate (7 U.S.C. 211).

#### **Effective Date**

This notice becomes final upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 203, 205, 206, 207, 211, 228.

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### **COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### **Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Georgia Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting with briefing of the Georgia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at the Sam Nunn Federal Center Building, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Conference Room Center, Conference Room A, Atlanta, GA, 30303. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Committee's school desegregation report and receive a briefing on fair housing issues in the state.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by September 14, 2007. The address is: Southern Regional Office, Sam Nunn Federal Center Building, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 18T40, Atlanta, GA., 30303. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Ph.D., Regional Director, (404) 562-7000, or by e-mail: [pminarik@usccr.gov](mailto:pminarik@usccr.gov).

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Southern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Southern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA. It was not possible to publish this notice 15 days in advance of the

meeting date because of internal processing delays.

Dated in Washington, DC, August 9, 2007.

**Ivy Davis,**

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs  
Coordination Unit.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **International Trade Administration**

#### **U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board: Meeting of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) will hold a meeting to discuss topics related to the travel and tourism industry. The Board was established on October 1, 2003, and reconstituted October 1, 2005, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry.

**DATES:** September 5, 2007.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than August 29, 2007, to J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, [Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: [Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov](mailto:Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov).

Dated: August 7, 2007.

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