

U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*) because they concern rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

The amendments are not subject to section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), since they do not contain any new information collection requirements.

Section-by-Section Analysis of the Amendments

Part 201—Rules of General Application

Subpart A—Miscellaneous

The Commission revises section 201.1 regarding the applicability of part 201 to correctly reference parts 210, 212 and 213 in the reference to rules of special application.

The Commission amends section 201.2 by revising paragraph (c), which defines the term “Tariff Act,” to include citations to 19 U.S.C. 1677m and 1677n.

The Commission amends section 201.3 by revising paragraph (c) to clarify that any document filed after Commission business hours will be considered filed the next business day, and that if filing on that day means the document is untimely filed then the document may not be accepted unless it is accompanied by a request for permission to make a late filing.

The Commission amends section 201.3a by revising paragraph (a) to update the Commission’s designated point of contact for using its penalty mail in locating and recovering missing children.

The Commission amends section 201.4 by revising paragraph (d) to correctly cite to section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252), eliminate the citation to the former 19 U.S.C. 1303, which has been repealed, and add “*et seq.*” to the citation to 19 U.S.C. 1673 to correctly refer to all of the antidumping provisions.

The Commission amends section 201.6 by revising paragraph (a)(2) to include section 206.17 as a section having special rules for the handling of nondisclosable confidential business information. The Commission also revises paragraph (d) of section 201.6 regarding the approval or denial of requests for confidential treatment. The revision will provide for consistency by stating that approvals, like denials, would be in writing. The Commission also revises paragraph (e)(3) of section 201.6 by replacing “his consideration” with the updated reference “consideration.” The Commission revises paragraph (g) of section 201.6 regarding granting confidential status to business information to clarify when

business information deemed not entitled to confidential treatment will be treated as public information. The revised paragraph (g) will impose a five-day deadline for withdrawing such business information after which time it would become public.

Subpart B—Initiation and Conduct of Investigations

The Commission amends section 201.8 by revising paragraph (a) to state that filings made within the Commission’s official hours of operation will be deemed filed on the date received by the Commission, consistent with the revised paragraph (c) of section 201.3 regarding Commission hours. The Commission also amends section 201.8 by revising paragraph (c), to provide that all documents filed, other than one or two-page documents, must be double-spaced, to improve the readability of documents. In addition, the Commission amends paragraph (d) of section 201.8 to require submitters to specify when a document is being filed with no confidential counterpart.

The Commission amends section 201.13 by revising paragraph (f) to provide, for ease of consideration, that supplementary materials in nonadjudicative hearings must be marked with the name of the organization submitting them. The same paragraph is also revised to remove the page limit on supplementary material that can be filed at a hearing, so that parties may present their arguments without such a limitation. The Commission revises paragraph (i)(1) of section 201.13, to delete the unnecessary reference to the requirement to file 14 copies of briefs with the Secretary, since paragraph (d) of section 201.8 already contains a requirement concerning the requisite number of copies to be filed.

The Commission amends section 201.14 by revising paragraph (a) to simplify filing requirements. In the event of an early or all-day closing of the Commission on a business day, the revision will allow the Secretary to accept filings due the day of the early or all-day closing on the next business day, without requiring the submitter to file a request for an extension of time.

Subpart C—Availability of Information to the Public Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552

The Commission amends section 201.17 by revising paragraph (a)(1) to permit the filing of requests electronically. Similarly, paragraph (b) of section 201.18 is revised to permit the filing of appeals by such means. The Commission has the capability of accepting electronic filing of requests at

its World Wide Web site, at <http://www.usitc.gov/foia.htm>.

The Commission amends section 201.18 by revising paragraphs (b), (d) (introductory text), and (e) to permit electronic filing of requests under the Freedom of Information Act and to correctly state that paragraph (c), and not paragraphs (a) and (b), provides for extension of time for deciding appeals of denials.

The Commission amends section 201.19 by revising paragraph (b) to clarify that the term “[s]ubmitter” includes contractors, bidders, vendors and others who have an administrative relationship with the Commission, and who provide confidential business information to the Commission. Under the amended provision, persons or entities having an administrative relationship to the Commission will qualify to receive notice before release of their confidential submission under FOIA.

The Commission amends section 201.21 by revising paragraph (a) to provide information about the Commission’s World Wide Web site, consistent with the electronic reading room provisions of the FOIA.

Subpart D—Safeguarding Individual Privacy Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a

The Commission amends section 201.31 by revising the section heading and adding paragraph (c) to include employee conduct as part of the section and to rename the section heading to reflect this change. Consequently, the Commission removes section 201.33, which currently deals with employee conduct, and adds its text to section 201.31. This eliminates the current duplication of section numbers.

Subpart G—Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the U.S. International Trade Commission

The Commission amends section 201.170 by revising paragraph (c) to provide an updated contact point.

Subpart H—Debt Collection

The Commission amends subpart H, regarding debt collection, to update all references to “Office of Finance and Budget” to read “Office of Finance.” The Commission also amends subpart H to update citations to applicable statutes and rules, and in particular to take into account the move of the Federal Claims Collection Standards from title 4 of the Code of Federal Regulations to title 31. The revisions affect the authority citation for subpart H; paragraphs (f), (i), and (m) of section 201.201; paragraphs