

Texas (Brownsville), Docket # 98-CR-255-ALL.

(17) Collin Xu, aka Collin Shu, aka Zhihong Xu, November 9, 2000 (entry date November 15, 2000), U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts (Boston), Docket #99-CR-10075-ALL.

(18) Yi Yao, aka Yao Yi, February 2, 2000 (entry date February 8, 2000), U.S. District Court of Massachusetts (Boston), Docket # 99-CR-10075-ALL.

(19) Mariano Recinos-Rivera, June 5, 2000 (entry date June 20, 2000), U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas (McAllen), Docket #00-CR-218-ALL.

(20) Gunther Kohlke, February 27, 2002 (entry date March 1, 2002), U.S. District Court, District of New York (Brooklyn), Docket #01-CR-738-ALL.

(21) Eugene Yon-Tsai Hsu, April 30, 2002 (entry date May 5, 2002), U.S. District Court, District of Maryland (Baltimore), Docket #01-CR-485-ALL.

(22) David Tzuwei Yang, April 30, 2002 (entry date May 5, 2002), U.S. District Court, District of Maryland (Baltimore), Docket #01-CR-485-ALL.

(23) Dennis Ritiche Jones, March 23, 1999 (entry date March 26, 1999), U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Docket # CR-99-346-01.

(24) Carlos Fernando Chirinos, September 13, 2002 (entry date September 17, 2002), U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Docket # 02-20605-CR.

(25) Daniel Jose Uribaz, August 29, 2002 (entry date August 30, 2002), U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Docket # 02-20605-CR.

(26) Maximo de los Santos, November 18, 1999 (entry date November 19, 1999), U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Docket # 1:99CR00426-001.

(27) Jesse Radona Ponce, November 18, 1999 (entry date November 19, 1999), U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Docket # 1:99CR00426-001.

(28) Jesus Pascual Domingo, April 6, 2000 (entry date April 6, 2000), U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Docket # 1:99CR00426-001.

(29) Paul Guzman, November 22, 1999 (entry date November 24, 1999), U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Docket # 1:99CR00426-001.

As noted above, at the end of the three-year period, the above-named persons/entities will remain debarred unless licensing privileges are reinstated.

This notice is provided in order to make the public aware that the persons listed above are prohibited from participating directly or indirectly in any brokering activities and in any export from or temporary import into the United States of defense articles or

defense services, including technical data, in all situations covered by the ITAR. Specific case information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Court for each respective US District Court, citing the court docket number where provided.

Exceptions may be made to this denial policy on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls pursuant to 22 CFR 126.3. However, such an exception would be granted only after a full review of all circumstances, paying particular attention to the following factors: whether an exception is warranted by overriding U.S. foreign policy or national security interest; whether an exception would further law enforcement concerns which are consistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States; or whether other compelling circumstances exist which are consistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States, and which do not conflict with law enforcement concerns.

This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedure Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affair function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

**Rose M. Likins,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Notice Regarding the 2001, 2002, and Ongoing Country Practice Reviews

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in 2001 and 2002 to review certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the GSP eligibility criteria. This notice announces the 2001 and 2002 country practice petitions that are accepted for review, and sets forth the schedule for comment and public

hearing on these petitions and on other ongoing country practices reviews, for requesting participation in the hearing, and for submitting pre- and post-hearing briefs.

**ADDRESSES:** The e-mail address for submissions is [FR0052@USTR.GOV](mailto:FR0052@USTR.GOV). If unable to submit petitions by e-mail, contact the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Room F-220, Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971 and the facsimile number is (202) 395-9481.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSP provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles from designated beneficiary developing countries. The GSP is authorized by title V of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the 1974 Act"), as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461, *et seq.*), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

In a **Federal Register** notice dated April 13, 2001, USTR initiated the 2001 GSP Annual Review and announced a deadline of June 13, 2001, for the filing of petitions (66 FR 19278). In a **Federal Register** notice dated November 1, 2002, USTR initiated the 2002 GSP Annual Review and announced a deadline of December 2, 2002, for the filing of petitions (67 FR 66699). Several of the petitions received requested the review of certain practices in certain beneficiary developing countries to determine whether such countries are in compliance with the eligibility criteria set forth in sections 502(b) and 502(c) of the 1974 Act.

The GSP program expired on October 1, 2001, and was not reauthorized until August 6, 2002. Consequently, the interagency TPSC made no announcement of the acceptance of country practice petitions for the 2001 GSP Annual Review, and merged the 2001 petitions into the 2002 GSP Annual Review.

The TPSC has decided to accept certain petitions for review, as indicated in Annex I to this notice. Annex I sets out the case number and status of, and subject country and practice addressed in each petition, and updates the status of other, previously initiated, ongoing country practice reviews. If the TPSC decides to accept any other 2001 or 2002 country practice petition for review, it will make an announcement in the **Federal Register** at a later date.