

Acceptance of a petition for review does not indicate any opinion with respect to disposition on the merits. Acceptance indicates only that the TPSC has found the petition eligible for review, and that such review will take place. The GSP regulations provide the schedule of dates for conducting a review unless otherwise specified in a **Federal Register** notice. The revised schedule for public comment and hearings is contained in Annex II.

USTR will announce in the **Federal Register** any modifications to the list of beneficiary developing countries or eligible articles for purposes of the GSP program resulting from this Review, as well as the date on which the modifications will take effect.

#### **Opportunities for Public Comment and Requirements for Submissions**

The GSP Subcommittee invites comments on any petition included in this Review. Submissions should comply with the GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007), including section 2007.0, except as modified below. All submissions should be identified by the relevant case number and country name as shown in Annex I.

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic e-mail submissions in response to this notice. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should be single copy transmissions in English, and the total submission should not exceed 50 single-spaced pages. E-mail submissions should use the subject line "GSP Country Practices Review," followed by the case number and country name found in Annex I and, as appropriate, "Written Comments," "Notice of Intent to Testify," "Pre-hearing brief," or "Post-hearing brief." (For example, an e-mail subject line might read, "GSP Country Practices Review, 001-CP-02, Bangladesh, "Pre-hearing brief.") Documents must be submitted as either WordPerfect (.WPD), MSWord (.DOC), or text (.TXT) files. Documents should not be submitted as electronic image files or contain

imbedded images (for example, ".JPG", ".PDF", ".BMP", or ".GIF"), as these type files are generally excessively large and may impede electronic transmission and redistribution. E-mail submissions containing such files may not be accepted. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel suitable for printing on 8½ x 11 inch paper. To the extent possible, any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

If the submission contains business confidential information, a non-confidential version of the submission must also be submitted that indicates where confidential information was redacted by inserting asterisks where material was deleted. In addition, the confidential submission must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of every page, and the non-confidential submission must be clearly marked either "PUBLIC VERSION" or "NON-CONFIDENTIAL" at the top and bottom of every page.

The file name of any document containing business confidential information attached to an e-mail transmission should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the party (government, company, union, association, etc.) making the submission. E-mail submissions should not include separate cover letters or messages in the message area of the e-mail; information that might appear in any cover letter should be included directly in the attached file containing the submission itself. The e-mail address for submissions is [FR0052@USTR.GOV](mailto:FR0052@USTR.GOV). Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions might not be considered in this review.

Submissions will be open to public inspection shortly after the due date by appointment with the staff of the USTR

public reading room, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, except for submitted information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6 and other qualifying information submitted in confidence pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.7. Appointments may be made from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (202) 395-6186.

#### **Notice of Public Hearings**

The GSP Subcommittee will hold a hearing on October 7, 2003, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC. The hearing will be open to the public and a transcript will be made available for public inspection or can be purchased from the reporting company. No electronic media coverage will be allowed.

Any interested party wishing to make an oral presentation at the hearing must submit the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address (if available) of the witness(es) representing the party to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee by 5 p.m., September 26, 2003. Requests to present oral testimony in connection with the public hearing must be accompanied by a written brief or statement, in English, which must also be received by 5 p.m., September 26, 2003. Oral presentations should be approximately five-minutes long and summarize or supplement information contained in the brief or statement. Post-hearing briefs or statements must be submitted, in English, by 5 p.m., October 31, 2003. Any party not wishing to appear at the public hearing may submit a post-hearing written brief or statement, in English, by 5 p.m., October 31, 2003. Written briefs, statements, and oral testimony should conform with section 2007.5 of the GSP regulations.

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