

(19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*) (the "Trade Act") to authorize the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as eligible for duty-free tariff treatment for certain products under the Generalized System of Preferences program (GSP). The AGOA also authorizes the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as eligible for the preferential treatment the AGOA provides for certain textile and apparel articles.

The President may designate a country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country eligible for both the additional GSP benefits and the textile and apparel benefits of the AGOA (if the country also meets certain statutory requirements intended to prevent unlawful transshipment of such articles) if he determines that the country meets the eligibility criteria set forth in: (1) section 104 of the AGOA; and (2) section 502 of the Trade Act. To date, 38 countries have been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. These countries, as well as the 10 currently ineligible countries, are listed below. Section 506A of the Trade Act provides that the President shall monitor, review, and report to Congress annually on the progress of each sub-Saharan African country in meeting the foregoing eligibility criteria in order to determine the current or potential eligibility of each country to be designated as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country. The President's determinations will be included in the annual report submitted to Congress as required by Section 106 of the AGOA. Section 506A of the Trade Act and section 104 of the AGOA require that, if the President determines that an eligible sub-Saharan African country is not making continual progress in meeting the eligibility requirements, he must terminate the designation of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country.

The Subcommittee is seeking public comments in connection with the annual review of the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries for the AGOA's benefits. The Subcommittee will consider any such comments in developing recommendations on country eligibility for the President. Comments related to the child labor criteria may also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in making the findings required under section 504 of the Trade Act.

#### **Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Countries**

The following have been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries:

Republic of Benin  
 Republic of Botswana  
 Republic of Cameroon  
 Republic of Cape Verde  
 Central African Republic  
 Republic of Chad  
 Republic of the Congo  
 Republic of Côte d'Ivoire  
 Democratic Republic of the Congo  
 Republic of Djibouti  
 State of Eritrea  
 Ethiopia  
 Gabonese Republic  
 Republic of The Gambia  
 Republic of Ghana  
 Republic of Guinea  
 Republic of Guinea-Bissau  
 Republic of Kenya  
 Kingdom of Lesotho  
 Republic of Madagascar  
 Republic of Malawi  
 Republic of Mali  
 Islamic Republic of Mauritania  
 Republic of Mauritius  
 Republic of Mozambique  
 Republic of Namibia  
 Republic of Niger  
 Federal Republic of Nigeria  
 Republic of Rwanda  
 Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe  
 Republic of Senegal  
 Republic of Seychelles  
 Republic of Sierra Leone  
 Republic of South Africa  
 Kingdom of Swaziland  
 United Republic of Tanzania  
 Republic of Uganda  
 Republic of Zambia

#### **Sub-Saharan African Countries Not Designated as Beneficiary Countries**

The following have not been designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries:  
 Republic of Angola  
 Burkina Faso  
 Republic of Burundi  
 Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros  
 Republic of Equatorial Guinea  
 Republic of Liberia  
 Somalia  
 Republic of Togo  
 Republic of Sudan  
 Republic of Zimbabwe

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submitted as WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, 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 characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, 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.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

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#### **Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

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