Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “The Golden Age of King Midas” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “The Golden Age of King Midas,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Penn Museum), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from on or about February 13, 2016, until on or about November 27, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: November 10, 2015.

Mara Tekach,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238–0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238–2436; email: joyler@srbc.net. Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists the projects, described below, being rescinded for the consumptive use of water pursuant to the Commission’s approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22(e) and 806.22(f) for the time period specified above:

Rescinded ABR Issued August 1–31, 2015
1. Inflection Energy (PA), LLC, Pad ID: Eichenlaub A Pad, ABR–201206014, Upper Fairfield Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Rescind Date: August 3, 2015.

Dated: November 10, 2015.

Stephanie L. Richardson,
Secretary to the Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP): Import Statistics Relating to Competitive Need Limitations (CNLs) and Extension of Deadline for Filing Petitions for 2015 CNLs Waivers

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and related extension of deadline.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of the availability of import statistics for the first nine months of 2015 relating to competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. These import statistics identify some articles for which the 2015 trade levels may exceed statutory CNLs. Interested parties may find this information useful in deciding whether to submit a petition to waive the CNLs for individual beneficiary developing countries (BDCs) with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles. This notice also extends the deadline for submission of petitions to waive CNLs for individual BDCs with respect to GSP-eligible articles to 5 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aimee Larsen, Director for GSP, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395–2974 and the email address is ALarsen@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Competitive Need Limitations

The GSP program provides for the duty-free importation of designated articles when imported from designated BDCs. The GSP program is authorized by Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (9 U.S.C. 2461, et seq.), as amended (the “1974 Act”), and is implemented in accordance with Executive Order 11888 of November 24, 1975, as modified by subsequent Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations.

II. Extension of Deadline for Filing Petitions

The GSP program contains competitive need limitations (CNLs) on specified articles when imported from designated beneficiary developing countries (BDCs). The CNLs, together with the general obligations of GSP, are aimed at helping beneficiary countries diversify their exports. Under the CNLs, a developing country is entitled to duty-free importation under the GSP program of a specified dollar volume of designated articles when imported from that country in a given calendar year. In general, the CNLs are set in the Trade Act of 1974 by the President, subject to the limits described above. The CNLs are reviewed and reset by the President annually.

The President sets the CNLs by December 1 of each calendar year for the following calendar year. The CNLs are then published in the Federal Register and are available for public comment. After the comment period, the President may adjust the CNLs. Any adjustment is published in the Federal Register. The CNLs are then available, subject to specified conditions, for export under the GSP program.

The CNLs can also be adjusted by the President at other times, based on competitive need. Petitions can be submitted by interested parties to request that an article be granted an exception to any CNL set for the year 2015. These petitions must be submitted to the Office of the United States Trade Representative (Office) by 5 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2015.

The Office will consider petitions granted by the President that are submitted and that the Office determines are in the public interest. The Office will make public at the time of filing petitions any additional information useful in deciding whether to grant the petitions.

The Office will also publish in the Federal Register any notice of adjustment of CNLs.

The Office will not consider petitions for any article that is designated for exception under the CNLs for which the public comment period ended on November 13, 2015.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative is part of the United States Trade Representative, a bureau of the United States Department of Commerce.

Section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act sets out the two different measures for CNLs. When the President determines that a BDC has exported to the United States during a calendar year either (1) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value in excess of the applicable amount for that year ($170 million for 2015), or (2) a quantity of a GSP-eligible article having a value equal to or greater than 50 percent of the value of total U.S. imports of the article from all countries (the “50 percent CNL”), the President may waive the CNL for that article from that BDC by no later than July 1 of the next calendar year, unless the President grants a waiver before the exclusion goes into effect. CNLs do not apply to least-developed countries or beneficiaries of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

Any interested party may submit a petition seeking a waiver of the 2015 CNL for individual beneficiary developing countries with respect to specific GSP-eligible articles. In addition, under section 503(c)(2)(F) of the 1974 Act, the President may waive the 50 percent CNL with respect to an eligible article imported from a BDC, if the value of total imports of that article from all countries during the calendar year did not exceed the applicable de minimis amount for that year ($22.5 million for 2015).

II. Implementation of Competitive Need Limitations

Exclusions from GSP duty-free treatment where CNLs have been exceeded will be effective July 1, 2016, unless the President grants a waiver before the exclusion goes into effect. Exclusions for exceeding a CNL will be based on full 2015 calendar-year import statistics.

III. Interim 2015 Import Statistics

In order to provide advance notice of articles that may exceed the CNLs for 2015, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has compiled interim import statistics for the first nine months of 2015 relating to CNLs. This information can be viewed at: https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/preference-programs/generalized-system-preferences-gsp/current-reviews/gsp-2015-annual.


The interim 2015 import statistics are organized to show, for each article, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading and BDC of origin, the value of imports of the article from the specified country for the first nine months of 2015, and the corresponding share of total imports of that article from all countries. The list includes the GSP-eligible articles from BDCs that, based on interim, nine-month 2015 data, exceed $110 million dollars, or an amount greater than 42 percent of the total value of U.S. imports of that product. In all, the following 19 products met the criteria to be placed on the list:

- 0410.00.00—Other edible products of animal origin (Indonesia)
- 0804.10.60—Pitted dates (Tunisia)
- 1102.90.25—Rice flour (Thailand)
- 1509.10.40—Virgin olive oil (Tunisia)
- 2102.90.60—Single-cell microorganisms, dead, excluding yeasts (Brazil)
- 2202.90.90—Other nonalcoholic beverages (Thailand)
- 2804.29.00—Rare gases, other than argon (Ukraine)
- 2934.99.47—Nonaromatic drugs of other heterocyclic compounds (India)
- 3917.31.00—Flexible plastic tubes, pipes, and hoses (Brazil)
- 4202.92.04—Insulated beverage bag w/o surface textiles (Philippines)
- 4409.10.05—Coniferous wood continuously shaped along any of its ends (Brazil)
- 6911.10.37—Porcelain or non-bone china, household table & kitchenware sets (Indonesia)
- 7307.21.50—Stainless steel, not cast, flanges for tubes/pipes (India)
- 7307.91.50—Iron or steel (o/than stainless), not cast, flanges for tubes/pipes (India)
- 7325.91.00—Iron or steel, cast grinding balls and similar articles for mills (India)
- 8525.80.30—Other television cameras (Thailand)
- 8544.19.00—Insulated (including enameled or anodized) winding wire (Venezuela)
- 8708.50.95—Parts & accessories of motor vehicles, half shafts (India)
- 9001.50.00—Spectacle lenses of materials other than glass (Thailand)

The list published on the USTR Web site includes the relevant nine-month trade statistics for each of these products and is provided as a courtesy for informational purposes only. The list is based on interim 2015 trade data, and may not include all articles that may be affected by the GSP CNLs. Regardless of whether or not an article is included on the list referenced in this notice, all determinations and decisions regarding application of the CNLs of the GSP program will be based on full calendar-year 2015 import data for each GSP-eligible article. Each interested party is advised to conduct its own review of 2015 import data with regard to the possible application of GSP CNLs. Please see the notice announcing the 2015 GSP Review which was published in the Federal Register on August 19, 2015, regarding submission of product petitions requesting a waiver of a CNL. The notice is available at http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=USTR-2015-0013-0001.

William D. Jackson.

Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the GSP Program, Chairman, GSP Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting via teleconference of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS). TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary and the Federal Transit Administrator on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems.

DATES: The TRACS meeting will be held on December 1, 2015, from 1 p.m.—4 p.m. (EST). Contact Bridget Zamperini (see contact information below) on or before November 27, 2015, if you wish to participate.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted via computer based meeting software and/or teleconference and is open for public participation. Instructions for accessing the meeting will be provided to all participants who pre-register with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) before the start of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bridget Zamperini, Federal Transit Administration, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, at (202) 366-0306 or TRACS@dot.gov.