

- (17) Collin Xu, aka Collin Shu, aka Hong 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 Uribazo, 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.

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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.

**Steven Falken,**

*Executive Director for GSP, Chairman, GSP Subcommittee.*

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Annex I

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**GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP)  
STATUS OF COUNTRY PRACTICE PETITIONS AND  
ONGOING REVIEWS**

CASE NUMBERS	PETITIONER	COUNTRY	ACTION	STATUS
001-CP-02	AFL-CIO	BANGLADESH	WR	Ongoing review continued
002-CP-02	AFL-CIO	COSTA RICA	WR	Rejected for review
003-CP-02	AFL-CIO	EL SALVADOR	WR	Rejected for review
004-CP-02	International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF)	EL SALVADOR	WR	Rejected for review
005-CP-02	AFL-CIO	GUATEMALA	WR	Accepted for review
006-CP-02	ILRF	GUATEMALA	WR	Accepted for review
007-CP-02	International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF); Human Rights Watch	PERU	WR	Rejected for review
008-CP-02	AFL-CIO	SRI LANKA	WR	Rejected for review
009-CP-02	AFL-CIO	SWAZILAND	WR	Accepted for review
010-CP-02	International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)	ARMENIA	IPR	Ongoing review terminated
011-CP-02	IIPA	BRAZIL	IPR	Ongoing review continued
012-CP-02	IIPA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	IPR	Ongoing review continued
013-CP-02	Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	IPR	Accepted for review as part of ongoing IPR review
014-CP-02	PhRMA	HUNGARY	IPR	Rejected for review
015-CP-02	IIPA	KAZAKHSTAN	IPR	Ongoing review continued
016-CP-02	IIPA	LEBANON	IPR	Accepted for review
017-CP-02	IIPA	PAKISTAN	IPR	Initiation of review remains under consideration
018-CP-02	PhRMA	POLAND	IPR	Rejected for review
019-CP-02	IIPA	RUSSIA	IPR	Ongoing review continued

CASE NUMBERS	PETITIONER	COUNTRY	ACTION	STATUS
020-CP-02	Assoc. of American Publishers (AAP); AFMA; Interactive Digital Software Assoc. (IDSA); Motion Picture Assoc. of America (MPAA); Nat. Music Publishers' Assoc. (NMPA); Recording Industry Assoc. of America (RIAA)	THAILAND	IPR	Petition withdrawn
021-CP-02	IIPA	URUGUAY	IPR	Rejected for review
022-CP-02	IIPA	UZBEKISTAN	IPR	Ongoing review continued
023-CP-02	Amer. Natural Soda Ash Corp. (ANSAC)	INDIA	MA	Ongoing review terminated
024-CP-02	American Textile Manufacturers Institute (ATMI)	PAKISTAN	MA	Ongoing review terminated
025-CP-02	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States	BULGARIA	RPT	Accepted for review
026-CP-02	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States	ROMANIA	RPT	Petition withdrawn
027-CP-02	To-Ro Enterprises, Inc.	BANGLADESH	CN	Rejected for review
024-CP-00	IIPA	TURKEY	CP	Ongoing Review Terminated 2001

WR=Worker Rights IPR=Intellectual Property Rights MA=Market Access  
RPT=Reverse Preferential Treatment CN=Contract Nullification

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