

**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC);
Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP); Notice of Time and Location of
Public Hearings Conducted in
Connection With the 1993 Annual GSP
Review; Notice of Withdrawal of
Petition Regarding Venezuela**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Announcement of time and
location of public hearings in
connection with the 1993 Annual GSP
Review; announcement of withdrawal of
petition regarding intellectual property
rights in Venezuela.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice on
the 1993 GSP Annual Review is (1) to
announce the time and location of
public hearings to consider petitions
accepted for review to modify the list of
articles eligible for duty-free treatment
under the GSP and to modify the status
of countries as GSP beneficiary
countries in regard to their practices as
specified in 15 CFR 2007.0 (a) and (b);
and (2) to announce the withdrawal of
a petition requesting a review of
Venezuela's intellectual property rights.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP
Subcommittee, Office of the United
States Trade Representative, 600 17th
Street NW., room 517, Washington, DC
20506. The telephone number is (202)
395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Time and Location of Public Hearings

As announced in a previous notice of
September 24, 1993 (58 FR 50060),
public hearings are scheduled to be held
by the GSP Subcommittee on November
3, 1993 as part of the reviews of EL,
Salvador, Guatemala, Indonesia,
Malawi, Oman, and Thailand as GSP
beneficiary countries in relation to their
practices regarding worker rights, and as
part of the review of Honduras in
relation to its practices regarding
intellectual property rights. Notice is
hereby given that the hearings will
commence at 9 a.m. in room 516,
Department of the Interior Building,
1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

As announced in a previous notice of
October 19, 1993 (58 FR 53959), the GSP
Subcommittee will conduct public
hearings as part of the reviews of
Bahrain, Costa Rica, Dominican
Republic, Fiji, Maldives, Pakistan,
Paraguay, and Peru as GSP beneficiary
countries in relation to their practices
regarding worker rights, and as part of
the review of the Dominican Republic,
Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Poland
and Turkey in relation to their practices
regarding intellectual property rights.
Notice is hereby given of a change in the
hearing date. The hearings will
commence at 9 a.m. on November 18 in
room N3437-ABC, Frances Perkins
Building, Department of Labor, 200
Constitution Avenue NW., Washington,

DC. If necessary, the hearings will
continue on November 19 in room
S4215-ABC.

Public hearings in relation to the
review of accepted petitions requesting
modification of the list of articles
eligible to receive duty-free treatment
under the GSP will commence at 9 a.m.
on November 22, 1993 in room 107A,
Department of Agriculture, 14th and
Independence Avenue SW.,
Washington, DC.

**II. Announcement of the Withdrawal of
a Petition Requesting a Review of
Venezuela's Intellectual Property
Rights**

On June 1, 1993, the International
Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)
filed a petition seeking a review of
Venezuela's status as a GSP beneficiary
country in relation to its practices
regarding intellectual property rights.
On September 28, 1993, the IIPA
informed the GSP Subcommittee that it
would withdraw the petition upon
Venezuela's enactment of its new
copyright law. Venezuela's new
copyright law entered into force on
October 1, 1993. Accordingly, the IIPA
petition has been withdrawn.

Frederick L. Montgomery,
Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.
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