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will be accepted if they conform with the regulations cited above and are submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, no later than 5 p.m. December 8, 1993. Parties not wishing to appear at the public hearings may submit post-hearing written briefs or statements also by December 8. Rebuttal briefs should be submitted in fourteen (14) copies, in English, by 5 p.m. December 17, 1993. During January and/or February 1994, an opportunity will be provided for the public to comment on nonconfidential USITC analysis. Notice of the availability of this analysis and the timetable for comment will be published in the Federal Register.

III. List of Articles Which May Be Considered for Designation as Eligible Articles for Purposes of the GSP or for Waiver of the Competitive Need Limit and On Which the USITC Will Be Asked to Provide Advice

In conformity with sections 503(a) and 131(a) of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2463(a) and 2151(a)), notice is hereby given that the articles listed herein may be considered for designation as eligible articles for purposes of the GSP, or for modification of their current GSP status.

An article which is determined to be import sensitive in the context of the GSP cannot be designated as an eligible article. Recommendations with respect to the eligibility of any listed article will be made after public hearings have been held and advice has been received from the USITC on the probable effects of the requested modification in the GSP on industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers.

On behalf of the President and in accordance with sections 503(a) and 131(a) of the 1974 Act, the USITC is being furnished with the list of articles published herein for the purpose of securing from the USITC its advice on the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly

competitive articles, and on consumers, of the modification of the list of articles eligible for GSP. Also, on behalf of the President and in accordance with section 504(c)(3)(A)(i) of the 1974 Act, the USITC is being asked to furnish economic advice on the probable economic effect on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers, of the granting of a waiver of the competitive need limits for the products identified in section C of the lists which follow.

Any modifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting from the 1993 GSP Annual Review will be announced on or about April 1, 1994 and will take effect on July 1, 1994.

IV. Cases Accepted for Review Regarding Country Practices, Pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.0(b)

Pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.0(b), the TPSC will review petitions to review the status of Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Maldives, Pakistan, Paraguay, and Peru as GSP beneficiary countries in relation to their practices regarding worker rights. Interested parties can participate in the review process as described in section II. The worker rights petition on Haiti has been accepted for review, but will not be the subject of the review schedule set forth in section II.

The decision whether to accept or reject a petition to review the GSP status of Malaysia in relation to its worker rights practices has been deferred until January 1994.

Because review of the 1992 worker rights cases of Bahrain and Fiji has been extended until the end of the 1993 Annual Review, comments on the worker rights practices of these two countries will also be welcomed during the public hearing and comment process described in section II.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.0(b), the TPSC has accepted for review requests to review the GSP status of Egypt, El Salvador, Poland and Turkey concerning the alleged failure of each to provide adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights. The TPSC has already announced the acceptance, on an expedited basis, of a petition alleging the failure of Cyprus to provide adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights (58 FR 50981).

Because review of the 1992 intellectual property rights cases of Dominican Republic and Guatemala has been extended until the end of the 1993 Annual Review, comments on the intellectual property rights practices of these two countries will also be welcomed during the public hearing and comment process described in section II.

Any modifications to the list of beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the GSP resulting from the 1993 GSP Annual Review will take effect fifteen days after notification of the modification appears in the Federal Register.

V. Notice Regarding 1994 Annual Review of GSP

Ordinarily, the TPSC would invite the submission of petitions for the 1994 Annual Review on June 1, 1994. However, under section 506(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the 1974 Act), duty free treatment provided under the GSP shall not remain in effect after September 30, 1994. The TPSC will not announce whether it will solicit petitions for the 1994 GSP Annual Review until after legislation renewing the GSP program is enacted.

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