

Commission's decision making on the topic; and

- Outline broad options for refinement.

These papers will provide sound bases for commissioners, staff, and the public to understand the current guidelines and assess any proposals for change.

The group is currently drafting issue papers on the following topics:

1. Sentencing Reform Act (and subsequent sentencing legislation)
2. Drafting process used by initial Commission; major changes since that time
3. Real offense sentencing (Relevant Conduct)
4. Criminal history
5. Level of detail (specific offense characteristics)
6. Chapter Three adjustments
7. Departures/offender characteristics
8. Sentencing table/sentencing ranges
9. Availability of probation/split sentences (alternatives)
10. Multiple counts

This methodology will enable staff to provide the Commission the full range of options for reviewing and revising the guidelines. In its review, the working group will examine how state guideline systems have addressed issues that judges and practitioners have found particularly complex in the federal system. In addition, the group will consult closely with judges and practitioners and solicit a wide variety of public comment from the Criminal Law Committee of the Judicial Conference, Practitioners' and Probation Officers' Advisory Groups, Department of Justice, Federal and Community Defenders, and others. Finally, the working group will analyze all responsible suggestions for guideline reform from outside individuals and groups.

The simplification process should be developmental and done with caution because significant changes may result in unforeseen anomalies. Therefore, it is important that as the simplification working group develops proposals it ensures that the proposals: 1) be consistent with the Sentencing Reform Act; 2) be sensitive to case law; and 3) be aware of the underlying premises that the previous Commission used in developing the guidelines. This caution will ensure that the guidelines are an evolving set of standards that change as information and experience buttresses the need for change.

- Evaluation of Commission Staff Resources: The Commission has begun a program to measure the use of staff resources as presently allocated and to

explore changes to the current staff resource allocation. This review is examining present procedures and processes to improve efficiency and determine strengths and weaknesses in various Commission functional components.

- Organizational Guidelines for Environmental Offenses: Development of fine guidelines for organizational defendants convicted of environmental offenses remains under consideration; however, the Commission expects that the guideline assessment and simplification efforts set forth above will receive priority attention.
- Substantial Assistance Working Group: This ongoing working group has recently completed the data collection portion of its study effort. The group is expecting to issue a report this fall.

- Implementation of Crime-related Legislation: The Congress is now considering legislation concerning terrorism, firearms, and other crime-related issues. The Commission will move promptly to implement any enacted legislation affecting criminal penalties through the promulgation of necessary guideline amendments or other actions as appropriate.

- Miscellaneous Issues: The Commission expects to propose for comment amendments to the food and drug guidelines. Amendments addressing some of the more important guideline application issues involving conflicting court interpretations also may be considered.

The Commission welcomes comments on the aforementioned priorities as well as any other aspect of guideline application or implementation of the Sentencing Reform Act.

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Richard P. Conaboy,
Chairman.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Defense Policy Advisory Committee for Trade; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting. The September 14, 1995 meeting of the Defense Policy Advisory Committee for Trade was closed to the public.

SUMMARY: The meeting included a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title

19 of the United States Code, I determined that the meeting concerned matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to any trade agreement the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States.

DATES: The meeting was held on September 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was held at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clayton Parker, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President (202) 395-6120.

Michael Kantor,

Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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Third Country-by-Country Reallocation of the Tariff-rate Quota for Sugar

AGENCY: Office of the United States Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of a country-by-country reallocation of part of the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported sugar for the period that ends September 30, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Tom Perkins, Senior Economist, Office of Agricultural Affairs (Room 421), Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Perkins, Office of Agricultural Affairs, 202-395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 14, 1995, the United States Trade Representative determined and announced that countries to which an allocation had been made of the in-quota quantity under the sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) provided for in Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) would not be filing their allocations and that the amount of this shortfall would be reallocated to other supplying countries or areas. This