

contains provisions that further discriminate against U.S. firms.

EU/Grains—The EU has implemented its Uruguay Round market access commitments on grains using a reference price rather than transaction value. This system does not allow for quality differences and is protective in effect.

EU/Scallops—Until recently, scallops of all species have been sold in France under the traditional name “coquilles St. Jacques.” French legislation now requires that scallops of certain species occurring outside French waters be sold under the unappealing name “pétoncles.”

Japan/Alcohol—Japan imposes specific excise taxes on distilled spirits at significantly lower rates on the domestic spirit shochu than on whiskey or other Western-type spirits.

Korea/Residue Testing Requirements—Korean residue testing requirements have delayed imports of perishable agricultural products.

The U.S. is addressing the following barriers under NAFTA:

Canada/Dairy & Poultry—In the Uruguay Round, Canada tariffed its supply-management import quotas on dairy, poultry, eggs and barley. Canada has been applying these tariffs on

imports from the U.S. in spite of the prohibition in NAFTA against imposition of new or increased tariffs.

Mexico/Small Package Delivery—Mexico has denied a U.S. firm the ability to operate large trucks in its small package delivery service even though Mexican firms engaged in the same business can do so and Mexico in the NAFTA agreed to accord U.S. firms national treatment in this service sector.

- WTO Accession Negotiations: The United States will continue to seek market openings for goods and services in negotiations with the 28 countries and customs territories currently seeking membership in the WTO. As part of their accession package, all countries must agree to subject their trade practices to the disciplines of the WTO. The agreement establishing the WTO also requires that all members provide market access commitments for industrial and agricultural goods, and services. The United States is committed to gaining appropriate market access commitments and adherence to WTO disciplines from every membership applicant.

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Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee; Availability of Annual Report

Under section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee has been issued. The Report is a summary of the 48th Annual Meeting of the VAVS National Advisory Committee. It is available for public inspection at two locations:

Federal Document Section, Exchange and Gift Division, LM 632, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540

and

Department of Veterans Affairs, Voluntary Service Office, Techworld Plaza—Room 643, 801 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

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