

processing issues such as valuation and certification requirements, plant and animal health requirements, food standards, restrictions maintained through state trading enterprises, and other laws or procedures that currently affect exports from the United States (e.g., subsidies, transparency, uniform application of the trading system, national treatment, trade performance requirements associated with investment). Market access issues for services include, but are not limited to, the right of establishment for U.S. services providers, the ability to provide services on a cross-border basis, and the ability of persons to enter temporarily to provide services.

All comments will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for a request of each government in the areas of agriculture, industrial goods, and trade in services. Information on products or practices subject to these negotiations should include, whenever appropriate, the import or export tariff classification number used by Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania for the product concerned (generally based on the tariff nomenclature of the European Union at the 8 digit-level).

Persons submitting written comments should provide a statement, in twenty copies, by noon, Friday, December 1, 1995, to Carolyn Frank, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Room 501, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508. Non-confidential information received will be available for public inspection by appointment, in the USTR Reading Room, Room 101, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an appointment call Brenda Webb on 202-395-6186. Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof.

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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Trade Policy Staff Committee; Public Comments on U.S. Negotiations With the Russian Federation (Russia) Concerning Its Accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written public comments with respect to market access issues, including but not limited to tariffs, non-tariff measures and trade in services, related to the accession of Russia to the WTO. Comments received will be considered by the Executive Branch in developing U.S. positions and objectives for the multilateral and bilateral negotiations that will determine the terms of WTO accession for Russia.

DATES: Public comments are due by noon, December 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Chattin, Director for Tariff Negotiations (202-395-5097), Peter Collins, Deputy Assistant USTR for Services and Investment (202-395-7271) or Cecilia Leahy Klein, Director for WTO Affairs (202-395-3063), Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairman of the Trade Policy Staff Committee invites written comments from the public on the market access-related issues to be addressed in the course of negotiations with Russia for its accession to the WTO. The terms will be negotiated in bilateral meetings with government representatives and in meetings of the Working Party, established by the Members of the WTO to conduct the negotiations.

The Committee is seeking public comments on the possible effect on U.S. trade of Russia's accession to the WTO, with particular reference to any currently applied trade measure that could be subject to the provisions of the WTO, particularly market access for goods and services. Market access issues for goods include, but are not limited to, tariff reductions, border measures such as quotas or import licenses, customs processing issues such as valuation and certification requirements, plant and animal health requirements, food standards, restrictions maintained through state trading enterprises, and other laws or procedures that currently affect exports from the United States (e.g., subsidies, transparency, uniform application of the trading system, national treatment, trade performance requirements associated with investment). Market access issues for services include, but are not limited to, the right of establishment for U.S. services providers, the ability to provide services on a cross-border basis, and the

ability of persons to enter temporarily to provide services.

All comments will be considered in developing U.S. positions and objectives for a request of Russia in the areas of agriculture, industrial goods, and trade in services. Information on products or practices subject to these negotiations should include, whenever appropriate, Russia's import or export tariff classification number for the product concerned (generally based on the tariff nomenclature of the European Union at the 8-digit level).

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Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Exemption From Bond/Escrow Requirement Relating to Sale of Assets by an Employer Who Contributes to a Multiemployer Plan; Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc.

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation has granted a request from Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. for an exemption from the bond/escrow requirement of section 4204(a)(1)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. A notice of the request for exemption from the requirement was published on July 14, 1995 (60 FR 36316). The effect of this notice is to advise the public of the decision on the exemption request.

ADDRESSES: The nonconfidential portions of the request for an exemption