on each IFAC so that a broad range of industry perspectives are represented.

Committees meet an average of four times a year in Washington, D.C. Members are responsible for all travel expenses incurred to attend the meetings.

Membership

ISAC and IFAC members are appointed jointly by the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR. Appointments are made at the rechartering of each committee and periodically throughout the two-year charter period. Members serve at the discretion of the Secretary and USTR. Appointments to an ISAC/IFAC expire at the end of the committee's charter. However, members may be reappointed for one or more additional terms should the committee's charter be renewed and if the member proves to work effectively with the committee and his/her expertise is still needed.

Each committee is made up of approximately 30–50 members, based on the Committee charter. Each committee selects a chairperson from the membership of the committee.

Qualifications

For all committees, the Secretary and USTR invite nominations of U.S. citizens who are executives and managers of U.S. manufacturing or service companies that trade internationally. The Secretary and USTR also invite nominations of executives representing trade associations whose members are U.S. companies that trade internationally. Companies must be at least 51 percent beneficially-owned by U.S. persons. U.S.-based subsidiaries of foreign companies do not qualify for representation on the committees.

Nominees are considered based upon their ability to carry out the goals of section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Secondary criteria are ensuring that the committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographies, geography and company size.

Application Procedures

Requests for applications should be sent to the Director of the Industry Consultations Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2015–B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14 relating to advisory committees.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Michael J. Copps,

Assistant Secretary for Trade Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Public Workshop Regarding Conformity Assessment Bodies for the Medicare Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology, (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a half-day workdshop for the development of requirements for a sub-program under the National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) Program. The sub-program will satisfy the product testing and quality system registration requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the United States/European Commission Mutual Recognition Agreement. NVCASE procedures require NIST to consult the public establishing requirements to be applied in evaluations conducted within the scope of NVCASE programs. NIST, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and European Commission (EC) personnel will participate in this workshop. There is no fee for the workshop; however, all attendees must register in advance with the Conformity Assessment Body Response Manager no later than April 2, 1999.

DATES: The NVCASE workshop will be held on April 15, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the Red Auditorium, Administration Building, located at 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, you may telephone 301–975–5120. You may register for the workshop by E-mail at scp@nist.gov or by fax at 301–975–5414. You may also register by U.S. mail addressed to Conformity Assessment Body Response Manager, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Title 15 Part 286.2(b) of the Code of Federal Regulations, NIST has established this program pursuant to a written request from a U.S. Government Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, in a letter dated March 1, 1998. The FDA announced their intend to use NIST NVCASE program for the Medical Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1998 (63 FR 36247–36248.

The NVCASE regulations found at 15 CFR Part 286 require NIST to consult the public when establishing requirements to be applied in evaluations conducted within the scope of NVCASE programs. This program under NVCASE will allow U.S. bodies to satisfy the conformity assessment requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the US/EC Mutual Recognition Agreement.

The NVCASE public workshop will follow the European Commission training workshop for Conformity Assessment Bodies in which EC personnel will outline the requirements of the Medical Devices Annex of the MRA. NIST, FDA and EC personnel will participate in this public workshop. Both NVCASE and EC training workshops will be held at the same location. The text of the US/EC MRA for the Medical Devices sectoral annex can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.iep.doc.gov/mra/mra.htm.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Grant of Certificate of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449: Roboxetine Mesylate

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Karin Tyson by telephone at (703) 305–9285; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box DAC, Washington, DC 20231; by fax marked to her attention at (703) 308–6916, or by e-mail to karin.tyson@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code,