

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The collection contains information collected by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in administering the Exchange Visitor Program (J-Visa) under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2451, *et seq.*)

#### Methodology

Information will be collected through mail or electronic submission. Access to Forms DS-3036 and DS-3037 is found in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Form DS-7000 is an internal spreadsheet that summarizes the burden resulting from requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program rules in 22 CFR part 62.

#### Rebecca Pasini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12486]

### Industry Advisory Group: Notice of New Open Meeting Date

The date for the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' 2024 Industry Advisory Group Annual Meeting has been changed. The new date is now Tuesday, September 17, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET. The meeting will be hybrid and open to the public from 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m., including a networking session starting at 4:30 p.m., at the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC.

For those who have already registered to attend in person, please email OBO External Affairs if you are unable to attend. Virtual attendees do not need to take any action and may use their existing meeting invitations.

The meeting will primarily be devoted to discussions between the

Department's senior management and IAG members regarding industry and academia's latest concepts, methods, best practices, innovations, and ideas supporting OBO's mission to provide the most effective facilities for United States diplomacy abroad. Additionally, time will be provided for public members to ask questions and provide comments.

The public may attend this meeting in-person as seating capacity allows. Admittance to the State Department building will be through a pre-arranged clearance list. OBO External Affairs will post an open registration announcement on OBO's website ([www.state.gov/obo](http://www.state.gov/obo)) and social media and email the announcement to OBO's distribution list to inform the public of the event. We encourage those interested in attending the IAG Annual Meeting to sign up for OBO's Distribution List.

Please forward any requests for reasonable accommodation to [OBOExternalAffairs@state.gov](mailto:OBOExternalAffairs@state.gov) by August 29, 2024. Request for reasonable accommodation made after that date will be considered but may not be fulfilled.

For further information, please contact External Affairs at [OBOExternalAffairs@state.gov](mailto:OBOExternalAffairs@state.gov).

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Chief of Staff, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, Department of State.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 2)]

### Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee Meeting (PRAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. E.T.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Surface Transportation Board headquarters at 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian O'Boyle at (202) 245-0364 or [Brian.Ob Boyle@stb.gov](mailto:Brian.Ob Boyle@stb.gov). If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this meeting, please call (202) 245-0245 by October 2, 2024.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRAC was formed in 2023 to provide advice and guidance to the Board on passenger rail issues on a continuing basis to help the Board better fulfill its statutory responsibilities in overseeing certain aspects of passenger rail service. *Establishment of the Passenger Rail Advisory Comm.*, EP 774 (STB served Nov. 13, 2023). The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate discussions regarding ideas on how to improve efficiency on passenger rail routes, reduce disputes between passenger rail carriers and freight rail hosts, and improve regulatory processes related to intercity passenger rail. Potential agenda items for this meeting include introduction of PRAC members, election of PRAC officers, discussion of topics for PRAC to explore and goals for PRAC, a presentation by the Board's Office of Passenger Rail, briefing for PRAC members on FACA and ethical requirements, and the operation of PRAC at future meetings.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted in accordance with FACA, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 CFR part 102-3; PRAC's charter; and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

**Written Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments to PRAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to PRAC, c/o Brian O'Boyle, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 or [Brian.Ob Boyle@stb.gov](mailto:Brian.Ob Boyle@stb.gov). Please submit any comments for review at the meeting by October 2, 2024, if possible.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 1321, 11101, and 11121.

Decided: August 13, 2024.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR-2024-0013]

### 2024 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) requests comments that identify online and physical markets to be considered for inclusion in the 2024 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy (Notorious Markets List). The Notorious Markets List identifies examples of online and physical markets that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy or trademark counterfeiting. The issue focus for the 2024 Notorious Markets List will examine online pharmacies and counterfeit medicine.

**DATES:**

October 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET: Deadline for submission of written comments.

October 16, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET: Deadline for submission of rebuttal comments and other information USTR should consider during the review.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. For alternatives to online submissions, please contact Claire Avery-Page at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or 202.395.6862 before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Claire Avery-Page, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or 202.395.6862. You can find information about the Special 301 Review, including the Notorious Markets List, at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The United States is concerned with trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy on a commercial scale because these illicit activities cause significant financial losses for right holders, legitimate businesses, and governments. In addition, they undermine critical U.S. comparative advantages in innovation and creativity to the detriment of American workers, and can pose significant risks to consumer health and safety and privacy and security. Conducted under the auspices of the Special 301 program and the authority of the U.S. Trade Representative to address practices that have significant adverse impact on the value of U.S. innovation, the Notorious Markets List identifies examples of online and physical markets that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy or

trademark counterfeiting that infringe on U.S. intellectual property (IP).

Beginning in 2006, USTR identified notorious markets in the annual Special 301 Report. In 2010, USTR announced that it would publish the Notorious Markets List as an Out-of-Cycle Review, separate from the annual Special 301 Report. USTR published the first Notorious Markets List in February 2011. USTR develops the annual Notorious Markets List based upon public comments solicited through the **Federal Register** and in consultation with Federal agencies that serve on the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee.

The United States encourages owners and operators of markets reportedly involved in piracy or counterfeiting to adopt business models that rely on the licensed distribution of legitimate content and products and to work with right holders and enforcement officials to address infringement. USTR also encourages foreign government authorities to intensify their efforts to investigate reports of piracy and counterfeiting in such markets, and to pursue appropriate enforcement actions. The Notorious Markets List does not purport to reflect findings of legal violations, nor does it reflect the U.S. Government's analysis of the general IP protection and enforcement climate in the country or countries concerned. For an analysis of the IP climate in particular countries, please refer to the annual Special 301 Report, published each spring no later than 30 days after USTR submits the National Trade Estimate to Congress.

**II. Public Comments**

USTR invites written comments concerning examples of online and physical markets that reportedly engage in and facilitate substantial copyright piracy or trademark counterfeiting that infringe on U.S. intellectual property. USTR also invites written comments for the Notorious Markets List 'issue focus' that highlights an issue related to the facilitation of substantial trademark counterfeiting or copyright piracy. The issue focus for the 2024 Notorious Markets List will examine online pharmacies and counterfeit medicine.

To facilitate the review, written comments should be as detailed as possible. Comments must clearly identify the market and the reasons why the commenter believes that the market should be included in the Notorious Markets List. Commenters should include the following information, as applicable:

*For online markets that engage in or facilitate substantial counterfeiting:*

- The domain name(s) of the market, the name(s) of the owner(s) or operator(s), the geographic area(s) where the market operates, and whether the market is owned, operated, or otherwise affiliated with a government entity.

- Estimate of the number of goods sold or otherwise made available on the market and any other indicia of the market's scale, reach, or relative significance in a given geographic area or with respect to a category of goods.

- Estimate of the number and types of goods sold or otherwise made available on the market that are counterfeit, either in aggregate or in relation to the total number and types of goods sold or otherwise made available on the market, a description of the methodology used to create the estimate and the timeframe the estimate was conducted, and information supporting the claims of counterfeiting.

- Estimate of economic harm to right holders resulting from the counterfeit goods and a description of the methodology used to calculate the harm.

- Whether the number and types of counterfeit goods or the economic harm has increased or decreased from previous years, and an approximate calculation of that increase or decrease for each year.

- Whether the counterfeit goods sold or otherwise made available on the market pose a risk to public health or safety.

- Any known contractual, civil, administrative, or criminal enforcement activity against the market and the outcome of that enforcement activity.

- Any actions taken by right holders, such as discussing concerns with the market, submitting takedown notices or requests to remove counterfeit goods, sending cease and desist letters, or requesting that the market enforce its terms of service or terms of use, and the outcome of these actions.

- Any actions taken by the market owners or operators to remove, limit, or discourage the availability of counterfeit goods, including policies to prevent or remove access to such goods, or to disable seller or user accounts, the effectiveness of market policies and guidelines in addressing counterfeiting, and the level of cooperation with right holders and law enforcement.

- Any other additional information relevant to the review.

*For online markets that engage in or facilitate substantial piracy:*

- The domain name(s) of the market, the name(s) and location(s) of the hosting provider(s), the name(s) and location(s) of the owner(s) or operator(s), the geographic area(s) where the market operates, and whether the

market is owned, operated, or otherwise affiliated with a government entity.

- Revenue sources such as sales, subscriptions, donations, upload incentives, or advertising, the methods by which that revenue is collected, and the entities that help facilitate the market's revenue.
  - Description and estimate of economic harm to right holders resulting from piracy and a description of the methodology used to calculate the harm.
  - Whether the number of pirated goods or files, or the economic harm, has increased or decreased from previous years, and an approximate calculation of that increase or decrease for each year.
  - Any known contractual, civil, administrative, or criminal enforcement activity against the market and the outcome of that enforcement activity.
  - Any actions taken by right holders, such as discussing concerns with the market, submitting takedown notices or requests to remove URLs or pirated content, sending cease and desist letters, or requesting that the market enforce its terms of service or terms of use, and the outcome of these actions.
  - Any actions taken by the market owners or operators to remove, limit, or discourage the availability of pirated goods or services, including policies to prevent or remove access to such goods or services, or to disable seller or user accounts, the effectiveness of market policies and guidelines in addressing piracy, and the level of cooperation with right holders and law enforcement.
  - Any other additional information relevant to the review.
- For physical markets that engage in or facilitate substantial counterfeiting or piracy:*
- The market's name(s), street address, neighborhood or shopping district, city, and the identity of the principal owner(s) or operator(s).
  - Whether the market is owned, operated, or otherwise affiliated with a government entity.
  - Types of counterfeit or pirated products or services sold, traded, distributed, or otherwise made available at the market.
  - Volume of counterfeit or pirated goods or services or other indicia of the market's scale, reach, or relative significance in a given geographic area or with respect to a category of goods or services.
  - Description and estimate of economic harm to right holders resulting from the piracy or counterfeiting and a description of the methodology used to calculate the harm.

- Whether the volume of counterfeit or pirated goods or estimates of harm has increased or decreased from previous years, and an approximate calculation of that increase or decrease for each year.

- Whether the infringing goods or services sold, traded, distributed, or made available pose a risk to public health or safety.
- Any known contractual, civil, administrative, or criminal enforcement activity against the market and the outcome of that enforcement activity.
- Additional actions taken by right holders, such as discussing concerns with the market, sending cease and desist letters, sending warning letters to landlords or requests to enforce the terms of their leases, and the outcome of these actions.
- Additional actions taken by the market owners or operators to remove, limit, or discourage the availability of counterfeit or pirated goods or services, the effectiveness of market policies and guidelines in addressing counterfeiting and piracy, and the level of cooperation with right holders and law enforcement.
- Any other additional information relevant to the review.

### III. Submission Instructions

All submissions must be in English and sent electronically via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments, locate the docket (folder) by entering the docket number USTR-2024-0013 in the search bar on the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) homepage and click 'search.' The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Locate the reference to this notice by selecting 'notice' under 'document type' on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled 'Comment'. You should provide comments in an attached document, and name the file according to the following protocol, as appropriate: Commenter Name or Organization 2024 Notorious Markets. Please include the following information in the 'Start typing comment here' field: 2024 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.docx) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If the submission is in another file format, please indicate the name of the software application in the 'Start typing comment here' field. For further information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please contact the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) Help Desk via the 'Support' button in the upper right corner of any page.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions.

Instead, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files.

Please include the name, email address, and phone number of an individual who USTR can contact if there are issues or questions with the submission. The contact information can be included in the submission or sent to Claire Avery-Page, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or 202.395.6862.

For any comment submitted electronically that contains business confidential information (BCI), the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters 'BCI'. Any page containing BCI must be clearly marked 'BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL' on the top of that page and the submission should clearly indicate, via brackets, highlighting, or other means, the specific information that is business confidential. A filer requesting business confidential treatment must certify that the information is business confidential and that they would not customarily release it to the public. Additionally, the submitter should type 'Business Confidential 2024 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy' in the 'comment' field. Filers of comments containing BCI also must submit a public version. Begin the file name of the public version with the character 'P'. USTR will place the non-business confidential version in the docket at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and it will be available for public inspection.

As noted, USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). You must make any alternative arrangements in advance of the relevant deadline and before transmitting a comment by contacting Claire Avery-Page at [notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:notoriousmarkets@ustr.eop.gov) or 202.395.6862.

USTR will post comments in the docket for public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view comments on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by entering docket number USTR-2024-0013 in the search field on the home page.

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