

3. Public Comments.
4. Council Discussion.

The RERC will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session. The public comment session will be held at 1:30 p.m. C.D.T. on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door by 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, and will be called on during the public comment period. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Energy Resource Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-11 B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. c.d.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Central In-Process Training Center, 29199 US Highway 72, Hollywood, Alabama, 35752, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth Keel, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-11 B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, (865) 632-6113.

Dated: September 25, 2013.

**John W. Myers,**

*Director, Environmental Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2013-0030]

### 2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets: Notice of Extension for Public Comments

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of deadline for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative published a request for comments in the 2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets in the **Federal Register** of September 20, 2013. That notice provided a deadline for comments of October 11, 2013. This notice extends that deadline to October 25, 2013.

**DATES:** The extended deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is October 25, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be sent electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2013-0030. Submissions should contain the term "2013 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets" in the "Type Comment" field on <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you are unable to provide submissions at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), please contact Cecelia Jones-Davis, Executive Assistant, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395-9651, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecelia Jones-Davis, Executive Assistant, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395-9651. Further information about Special 301 can be found at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USTR conducts a yearly Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets, resulting in publication, separately from the annual Special 301 report, of a "Notorious Markets List." The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is requesting written submissions from the public identifying potential Internet and physical notorious markets that exist outside the United States and that may be included in the 2013 Notorious Markets List. Further information regarding requirements for submissions is included in the September 20, 2014 **Federal Register** notice requesting public comments in the 2013 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets (78 FR 57924).

**Stanford K. McCoy,**

*Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property and Innovation.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Request for Public Comments on Annual Review of Country Eligibility for Benefits Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act in Calendar Year 2014

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The African Growth and Opportunity Act Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee ("Subcommittee") is requesting written public comments for the annual review of the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries to receive

the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The Subcommittee will consider these comments in developing recommendations on AGOA country eligibility for calendar year 2014 for the President. Comments received related to the child labor criteria may also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in the preparation of the Department of Labor's report on child labor as required under section 412(c) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000. This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that must be considered under AGOA, and lists those sub-Saharan African countries that are currently eligible for the benefits of the AGOA and those that were ineligible for such benefits in 2013.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, public comments must be submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) by October 25, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2013-0035 See "Requirements for Submission," below. If you are unable to make a submission at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), please contact Yvonne Jamison, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-3475 to make other arrangements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions, please contact Yvonne Jamison, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Room F516, Washington, DC, 20508, at (202) 395-3475. All other questions should be directed to Constance Hamilton, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, at (202) 395-9514.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AGOA (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Public Law 106-200) (19 U.S.C. 3721 *et seq.*), as amended, authorizes the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as beneficiaries eligible for duty-free treatment for certain additional products under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) (Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*) (1974 Act)), as well as for the preferential treatment the AGOA provides for certain textile and apparel articles.

The President may designate a sub-Saharan African country as a beneficiary eligible for both the additional GSP benefits and the textile and apparel benefits of AGOA if he determines that the country meets the eligibility criteria set forth in: (1) section 104 of the AGOA

(19 U.S.C. 3703); and (2) section 502 of the 1974 Act (19 U.S.C. 2462).

Section 104 of AGOA includes requirements that the country has established or is making substantial progress toward establishing, *inter alia*: a market-based economy; the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process; the elimination of barriers to U.S. trade and investment; economic policies to reduce poverty; a system to combat corruption and bribery; and protection of internationally recognized worker rights. In addition, the country may not engage in activities that undermine U.S. national security or foreign policy interests or engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights. Please see section 104 of AGOA and section 502 of the 1974 Act for a complete list of the AGOA eligibility criteria.

Section 506A of the 1974 Act requires that, if the President determines that a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country is not meeting the eligibility requirements, he must terminate the designation of the country as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country. For 2013, 39 countries were designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. These countries, as well as the countries currently designated as ineligible, are listed below. Section 506A of the 1974 Act provides that the President shall monitor and review annually the progress of each sub-Saharan African country in meeting the foregoing eligibility criteria in order to determine whether each beneficiary sub-Saharan African country should continue to be eligible, and whether each sub-Saharan African country that is currently not a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country, should be designated as such a country.

The Subcommittee is seeking public comments in connection with the annual review of the eligibility of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries for AGOA's benefits. The Subcommittee will consider any such comments in developing recommendations on country eligibility for the President. Comments related to the child labor criteria may also be considered by the Secretary of Labor in making the findings required under section 504 of the 1974 Act.

The following sub-Saharan African countries were designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries in 2013:

Angola  
Republic of Benin  
Republic of Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi

Republic of Cape Verde  
Republic of Cameroon  
Republic of Chad  
Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros  
Republic of Congo  
Republic of Cote d'Ivoire  
Republic of Djibouti  
Ethiopia  
Gabonese Republic  
The Gambia  
Republic of Ghana  
Republic of Guinea  
Republic of Kenya  
Kingdom of Lesotho  
Republic of Liberia  
Republic of Malawi  
Republic of Mali  
Islamic Republic of Mauritania  
Republic of Mauritius  
Republic of Mozambique  
Republic of Namibia  
Republic of Niger  
Federal Republic of Nigeria  
Republic of Rwanda  
Sao Tome & Principe  
Republic of Senegal  
Republic of Seychelles  
Republic of Sierra Leone  
Republic of South Africa  
Republic of South Sudan  
Kingdom of Swaziland  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Republic of Togo  
Republic of Uganda  
Republic of Zambia

The following sub-Saharan African countries were not designated as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries in 2013:

Central African Republic  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
Republic of Equatorial Guinea  
State of Eritrea  
Republic of Guinea-Bissau  
Republic of Madagascar  
Republic of Mali  
Somalia  
Republic of Sudan  
Republic of Zimbabwe

#### *Requirements for Submissions:*

Comments must be submitted in English. To ensure the most timely and expeditious receipt and consideration of petitions, USTR has arranged to accept on-line submissions via <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit petitions via this site, enter docket number USTR-2013-0035 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice on search-results page and click on the link entitled "Submit a Comment." (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "Help" at the top of the home page.)

The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a "Type Comment" field, or by attaching a document. USTR prefers comments to be submitted as attachments. When doing this, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "Type Comment" field. Submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) are preferred.

Persons wishing to file comments containing business confidential information must submit both a business confidential version and a public version. Persons submitting business confidential information should write "See attached BC comments" in the "Type Comment" field. Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL on the top of that page. Persons submitting a business confidential comment must also submit a separate public version of that comment with the business confidential information deleted. Persons should write "See attached public version" in the "Type Comment" field of the public submission. Submissions should not attach separate cover letters; rather, information that might appear in the cover letter should be included in the comments you submit. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments to a submission in the same file as the submission itself and not as separate files.

Public versions of all documents relating to this review will be available for review no later than two weeks after the due date at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), docket number USTR-2013-0035.

**Douglas Bell,**

*Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.*

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## **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services of a New Member State of the European Union (Republic of Croatia)**

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

**ACTION:** Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 30, 2013.