

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

2009 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Reviews of Fiji, Israel, the Philippines, Poland, and Saudi Arabia: Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242) requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (The provisions of Section 182 are commonly referred to as the “Special 301” provisions of the Trade Act.) The USTR is required to determine which, if any, of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. In addition, USTR has created a “Priority Watch List” and “Watch List” under Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Countries placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

In the 2009 Special 301 Report (<http://www.ustr.gov>), USTR announced that, in order to monitor progress on specific IPR issues, Out-of-Cycle Reviews would be conducted for Fiji, Israel, the Philippines, Poland, and Saudi Arabia. USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning any act, policy, or practice that is relevant to the decision regarding whether Fiji, Israel, the Philippines, Poland, and Saudi Arabia should be identified under Section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions from the general public must be received on or before 10 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009. Foreign governments who chose to make written submissions may do so on or before 10 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be sent electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR–2009–0001. Submissions should contain the term “2009 Special 301 Out-

of-Cycle Review” in the “Type comment & Upload file” field on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Choe Groves, Senior Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation and Chair of the Special 301 Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395–4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 182 of the Trade Act, USTR must identify those countries that deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies, or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country’s designation as a Priority Foreign Country are normally the subject of an investigation under the Section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. USTR may not identify a country as a Priority Foreign Country if that country is entering into good faith negotiations or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights. In addition, USTR has created a “Priority Watch List” and “Watch List” under Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Countries placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

USTR requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, states, or other subdivisions of a country in which an act, policy, or practice deserve special attention. Submissions may report positive or negative developments with respect to these entities.

Requirements for comments:

Comments should include a description of the problems experienced by the submitter and the effect of the acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating

such estimated losses. Comments must be in English. All comments should be sent electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR–2009–0001.

To submit comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter docket number USTR–2009–0001 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 by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled “Submit a comment.” (For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on “How to Use This Site” on the left side of the home page).

The <http://www.regulations.gov> site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a “Type comment & Upload file” field, or by attaching a document. It is expected that most comments will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type “See attached” in the “Type comment & Upload file” field. However, all submissions should contain the term “2009 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review” in the “General Comments” field.

A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly designated as such, the submission must be marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” at the top and bottom of the cover page and each succeeding page, and should indicate using brackets the specific information which is confidential. Any comment containing business confidential information must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

USTR will maintain a docket on the 2009 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review, accessible to the public. The public file will include non-confidential comments received by USTR from the public, including foreign governments, with respect to the 2009 Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review.

Public inspection of submissions:

Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection pursuant

to 15 CFR 2006.13, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15. Comments may be viewed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> website by entering docket number USTR-2009-0001 in the search field on the home page.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA 2009-0100]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Request for Comments; Renewed Approval of Information Collection; State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals, OMB Control Number: 2125-0586

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comment regarding our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a renewed information collection. The information we collect is provided by each State Department of Transportation (State) in its right-of-way operations manuals. The right-of-way manuals contain detailed descriptions of procedures the State will follow to show compliance with Federal regulations found in 23 CFR Part 710 and 49 CFR Part 24. 23 CFR 710.201(c) sets out the requirement for the right-of-way operations manual. Specifically, each manual shall describe functions and procedures for all phases of the real estate program, including appraisal and appraisal review, negotiation and eminent domain, property management, and relocation assistance. The State shall update the manual periodically to reflect changes in operations and submit the updated manual for approval by the FHWA. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 required the FHWA to publish notice for this information collection in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Please submit comments by December 4, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2009-0100 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Facer, 785-228-2544, Office of Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: State Right-of-Way Operations Manuals.

OMB Control Number: 2125-0586.

Background: It is the responsibility of each State Department of Transportation (State) to acquire, manage and dispose of real property in compliance with the legal requirements of State and Federal laws and regulations. Part of providing assurance of compliance is to describe in a right-of-way procedural (operations) manual the organization, policies and procedures of the State to such an extent that these guide State employees, local acquiring agencies, and contractors who acquire and manage real property that is used for a federally funded transportation project. Procedural manuals assure the FHWA that the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act) will be met. The State responsibility to prepare and maintain an up-to-date right-of-way procedural manual is set out in 23 CFR 710.201(c). The regulation allows States flexibility in determining how to meet the manual requirement. This flexibility allows States to prepare manuals in the format of their choosing, to the level of detail necessitated by State complexities. Each State decides how it will provide service to individuals and businesses affected by Federal or federally-assisted projects, while at the same time reducing the burden of government regulation. States are required to update manuals to reflect changes in Federal requirements for programs administered under Title 23 U.S.C. The State manuals may be

submitted to FHWA electronically or made available by posting on the State Web site.

Respondents: State Departments of Transportation (52, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

Frequency: Once initially, then States update their operations manuals for review.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 75 hours per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 75 hours for each of the 52 State Departments of Transportation. The total is 3,900 burden hours annually.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA oversight of the right-of-way program; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: September 29, 2009.

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Acting Chief, Management Programs and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Fourth Meeting—Special Committee 222: Inmarsat Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 222: Inmarsat Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 222: Inmarsat Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hosted by SkyTerra, Reston, VA. An RSVP to SkyTerra is required by