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Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission's report will, to the extent possible, (1) Provide an overview of foreign and domestic markets for remediation and nature and landscape protection services; (2) examine trade and investment in remediation and nature and landscape protection services markets, including barriers affecting such trade and investment, if any; and (3) if possible, discuss existing regulatory practices. USTR has requested that the Commission's study include examples from both developed and developing country markets. As requested by USTR, the range of services to be investigated in this study will be determined upon further consultation between USTR and ITC staff. The USTR asked that the Commission furnish its report by October 1, 2004, and that the Commission make the report available to the public in its entirety.

The USTR letter also requests an investigation on solid and hazardous waste services. In response, the Commission has instituted Investigation No. 332-455, Solid and Hazardous Waste Services: An Examination of U.S. and Foreign Markets, which is due to the USTR on April 1, 2004.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., March 3, 2004. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 5, 2004; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., March 31, 2004. In the event that, as of the close of business on March 3, 2004, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-

participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 3, 2004, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission will not include any confidential business information in the report it sends to the USTR. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on March 31, 2004. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by 201.8 of the Commission's Rules (19 CFR 201.18) (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, [ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf](http://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf)).

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List of Subjects

WTO, GATS, remediation and nature and landscape protection services.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-455]

Solid and Hazardous Waste Services: An Overview of U.S. and Foreign Markets

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 2003.

SUMMARY: Following receipt of a request on July 1, 2003 from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-455, Solid and Hazardous Waste Services: An Examination of U.S. and Foreign Markets, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Jennifer Baumert, Project Leader (202-205-3450; jbaumert@usitc.gov), or Richard Brown, Chief, Services and Investment Division (202-205-3438; rbrown@usitc.gov), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; wgearhart@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission's report will, to the extent possible, (1) Provide an overview of foreign and domestic markets for solid and hazardous waste services; (2) examine trade and investment in solid and hazardous waste services markets, including barriers affecting such trade and investment, if any; and (3) if possible, discuss existing regulatory practices. USTR has requested that the Commission's study include examples from both developed- and developing-country markets. For the purpose of this study, solid and hazardous waste management services are defined to include the collection of solid and hazardous waste from households and industry; the treatment and disposal of solid and hazardous waste by various means; the collection, separation, and sorting of recyclable materials; waste compacting; waste reduction services; and incidental services.

The USTR asked that the Commission furnish its report by April 1, 2004, and

that the Commission make the report available to the public in its entirety.

The USTR letter also requests an investigation on remediation and nature and landscape protection services. In response, the Commission has instituted Investigation No. 332-454, Remediation and Nature and Landscape Protection Services: An Examination of U.S. and Foreign Markets, which is due to the USTR on October 1, 2004.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 2003. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., October 7, 2003. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., October 9, 2003; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., November 5, 2003. In the event that, as of the close of business on October 7, 2003, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1816) after October 7, 2003, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

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submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on November 5, 2003. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the Commission's Rules, as amended, 67 FR 68036 (Nov. 8, 2002).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: National Tracing Center Trace Request and NTC Obliterated Serial Number Trace Request.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until October 6, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with

instructions or additional information, please contact Ben Hayes, ATF National Tracing Center, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Tracing Center Trace Request and Obliterated Serial Number Trace Request.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: ATF F 3312.1 and ATF F 3312.2. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Federal Government. Other: State, Local, or Tribal Government. The forms are used by the Federal, State, Local, and International law enforcement community to request that ATF trace firearms used, or suspected to have been used, in crimes.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 112,123 respondents will complete each form within 6 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 22,425 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.