

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of additional country-by-country allocations of the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas for imported raw cane sugar and refined sugar for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 (FY 2006). In addition, USTR is providing notice of country-by-country re-allocations of the FY 2006 in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported raw cane sugar.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 28, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Jason Hafemeister, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Hafemeister, Office of Agricultural Affairs, telephone: 202-395-6127 or facsimile: 202-395-4579.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains a tariff-rate quota for imports of raw cane sugar and refined sugar.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007).

On February 2, 2006, the Secretary of Agriculture increased the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for raw cane sugar for FY 2006 by 226,796 metric tons \* raw value. USTR is allocating this increased quantity. Further, USTR is re-allocating 35,126 metric tons raw value of the FY 2006 tariff-rate quota allocations that will not be used by certain countries. The total quantity of the raw sugar allocations (i.e., the additional allocation and the re-allocation) of 261,922 metric tons raw value is being allocated to the following countries:

## FY 2006 ADDITIONAL AND RE-ALLOCATIONS

Country	Metric tons raw value
Argentina .....	15,461
Australia .....	29,844
Belize .....	3,955
Bolivia .....	2,877
Brazil .....	52,138
Colombia .....	8,630
Costa Rica .....	5,394
Ecuador .....	3,955
El Salvador .....	9,349
Guatemala .....	17,259
Guyana .....	4,315
Honduras .....	3,596
Jamaica .....	3,955
Malawi .....	3,596
Mauritius .....	4,315
Mozambique .....	4,674
Nicaragua .....	7,551
Panama .....	10,428
Peru .....	14,742
Philippines .....	30,000
South Africa .....	8,270
Swaziland .....	5,753
Thailand .....	5,034
Trinidad & Tobago .....	2,517
Zimbabwe .....	4,315

These allocations are based on the countries' historical shipments to the United States, excluding countries that are unable to ship additional sugar. The allocations of the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin. All other country raw cane sugar allocations, other than for those countries that are unable to ship additional sugar, remain unchanged from those announced on August 30, 2005 and December 9, 2005.

On February 2, 2006, the Secretary of Agriculture increased the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for FY 2006 by 226,796 metric tons raw value, none of which is for specialty sugars. A total of 25,000 metric tons raw value is being allocated to Canada and 59,349 metric tons raw value is being allocated to Mexico. The remaining 142,447 metric tons raw value of the in-quota quantity may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law. The certificate of quota eligibility is required for sugar entering under the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar that is the product of a country that has been allocated a share of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar.

**Rob Portman,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

February 22, 2006.

The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

*Dates:* Written comments should be received on or before March 30, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

**Bureau of Public Debt**

*OMB Number:* 1535-0013.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Claim for Lost, Stolen or Destroyed U.S. Savings Bonds and Supplemental Statement for U.S. Securities.

*Form:* BPD PD F 1048 and 2243.

*Description:* Used by owner or others having knowledge to request substitute securities or payment of lost, stolen or destroyed securities.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 26,400 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0036.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application by Voluntary Guardian of Incapacitated Owner of United States Savings Bonds/Notes.

*Form:* BPD PD F 2513.

*Description:* Used by voluntary guardian of incapacitated bond owner(s) to establish right of act on behalf of owner.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 26,600 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0064.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Description of United States Savings Bonds Series HH/H and Description of United States Bonds/Notes.

*Form:* BPD PD F 1980 and 2490.

*Description:* Used by owner of United States Savings Bonds/Notes to describe their holdings.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,400 hours.

\* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

OMB Number: 1535-0136.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Refund of Purchase Price of United States Savings Bonds for Organizations.

Form: BPD PD F 5410.

Description: Used by an organization to request refund of purchase price of United States Savings Bonds.

Respondents: Business of other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Clearance Officer: Vicki S. Thorpe, (304) 480-8150, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Michael A. Robinson,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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## U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Larry M. Wortzel, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate and report to Congress annually on "regional economic and security impacts." The mandate specifically charges the Commission to evaluate "The triangular economic and security relationship among the United States, Taipei and the People's Republic of China (including the military modernization and force deployments of the People's Republic of China aimed at Taipei)." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will be holding a public hearing in Washington, DC on March 16-17, 2006.

### Background

This event is the third in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2006 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and the public on the

impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. growing bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The March 16-17 hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about issues connected to China's military modernization efforts and export control issues. Information on upcoming hearings, as well as transcripts of past Commission hearings, can be obtained from the USCC Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>.

The March 16 hearing will address "China's Military Modernization" and will be Co-chaired by Vice Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew and Commissioner Thomas Donnelly. The March 17 hearing will address "Export Control Issues" and will be Co-chaired by Commissioners Fred Thompson and William A. Reinsch.

### Purpose of Hearing

The hearing is designed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its mandate by identifying and assessing the key military modernization efforts being undertaken by China, evaluating the modernization of China's defense industries, assessing the quality and quantity of military assistance China is receiving from foreign sources, and reviewing and evaluating the efficacy of U.S. and European export controls on the transfer of military equipment and dual-use technologies to China. Invited witnesses include congressional members, administration officials, and U.S. industry representatives.

Copies of the hearing agenda will be made available on the Commission's Web site <http://www.uscc.gov>. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 17, 2006, by mailing to the contact below.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, March 16, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4 pm, and Friday, March 17, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to Noon Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill (the exact location will be announced soon). Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the hearing should contact Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398 as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: February 22, 2006.

Kathleen J. Michels,

Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held March 30-31, 2006. The Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2006, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 31, 2006, in the Learning Skill Center at the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, 301 North High Street, Baltimore, MD. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide ongoing advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On March 30 and 31, the Committee will receive reports from program experts, assess the availability of health care and benefit services, receive reports from other federal departments and advocacy groups and review other initiatives designed to assist veterans who are homeless. The Committee will review the 2005 annual report responses, and draft the 2006 annual report.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Pete Dougherty, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5764. No time will be allocated for receiving oral presentations during the public meeting. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on