

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 03/19/2016, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Jasper, Newton, Orange.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

Texas: Angelina, Hardin, Jefferson, Sabine, San Augustine, Tyler.

Louisiana: Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Sabine, Vernon.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.813
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.250
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 14675B and for economic injury is 146760.

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**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14629 and #14630]

**Missouri Disaster Number MO-00079**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Missouri (FEMA-4250-DR), dated 02/10/2016.

*Incident:* Severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding.

*Incident Period:* 12/23/2015 through 01/09/2016.

*Effective Date:* 03/17/2016.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/11/2016.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/10/2016.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Missouri, dated 02/10/2016, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Shannon

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9499]

### Determination and Certification Under Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act Relating to the Largest Exporting and Importing Countries of Certain Precursor Chemicals

Pursuant to Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby determine and certify that the top five exporting and

importing countries and economies of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine (China, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan<sup>1</sup> Turkey, and the United Kingdom) have cooperated fully with the United States, or have taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives established by the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

This Determination and Certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and copies shall be provided to Congress, together with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification.

Dated March 14, 2016.

**Antony J. Blinken,**

*Deputy Secretary of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Trade Preferences for Nepal: Request for Public Comments on Review of Nepal's Country Eligibility

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the initiation of a review of the eligibility of Nepal to receive preferential treatment for the articles described in the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The South Asia Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee is developing recommendations for the President on Nepal's eligibility. The Subcommittee is requesting written comments from the public for this review. The Subcommittee will consider the written comments in developing its recommendations for the President. This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that the President must consider in determining whether to provide preferential treatment to certain articles from Nepal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dawn Shackleford, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for India, or

<sup>1</sup> With respect to all references to "country" or "countries" on this page, it should be noted that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Public Law 96-8, Section 4(b)(1), provides that "[w]henver the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan." 22 U.S.C. 3303(b)(1).

Aimee Larsen, Director for GSP, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington DC 20508. The telephone numbers are (202) 395-9658 or (202) 395-2974, respectively. The email addresses are [Dawn\\_Shackleford@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Dawn_Shackleford@ustr.eop.gov) or [Aimee\\_B\\_Larsen@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Aimee_B_Larsen@ustr.eop.gov).

**DATES:** Public comments are due by 5:00 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

### Background Information

The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 (Sec. 915 of P.L. 114-125) authorizes the President to designate Nepal as eligible for preferential treatment for certain articles. The President may authorize the provision of preferential treatment for certain articles imported directly from Nepal if the President determines that Nepal meets the eligibility criteria set forth in: (1) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 104(a) of African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), as amended (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-200) (19 U.S.C. 3703(a)); and (2) section 502 of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) (Title V of the Trade Act of 1974) (1974 Act) (19 U.S.C. 2462).

Section 104(a) of AGOA includes requirements that the country has established or is making continual 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 the protection of internationally recognized worker rights. In addition, AGOA provides that 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 or provide support for acts of international terrorism.

Section 502(b) of the 1974 Act includes bases for ineligibility for benefits and section 502(c) includes factors that the President shall take into account in determining whether to provide benefits under the GSP. Among the factors that the President shall take into account under section 502(c) include: An expression by the country to be designated as a beneficiary; the level of economic development; whether or not other major developed countries are providing preferential treatment; the extent to which the country has assured the United States

that it will provide market access and refrain from unreasonable export practices; the extent to which the country is providing adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights; the extent to which the country has taken action to reduce trade distorting investment practices and policies and reduce or eliminate barriers to trade in services; and whether or not the country has taken or is taking steps to afford workers with internationally recognized worker rights.

Please see section paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) 104(a) of AGOA and section 502 of the 1974 Act for a complete list of relevant eligibility criteria.

Separately, before providing preferential treatment to any article from Nepal, the President must also determine, after receiving the advice of the United States International Trade Commission, that these articles are not import sensitive in the context of imports from Nepal.

### Requirements for Submissions

Persons submitting written comments must do so electronically by 5:00 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice, using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), docket number USTR-2016-0005. Instructions for submitting business confidential versions are provided below. Hand-delivered submissions will not be accepted. All written materials must be submitted in English to the Chairman of the South Asia Subcommittee of the TPSC.

To make a submission using <http://www.regulations.gov>, enter the docket number in the "Search for" field 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" in the "Filter Results by" section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled "Comment Now." The site offers the option of providing comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field or by attaching a document using the "Upload file(s)" field. The South Asia Subcommittee prefers that submissions be provided as an attached document. Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. Any data attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Each submitter will receive a submission tracking number upon completion of the submissions procedure at [http://](http://www.regulations.gov)

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The tracking number will be the submitter's confirmation that the submission was received into <http://www.regulations.gov>. The confirmation should be kept for the submitter's records. USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for the Web site. Documents not submitted in accordance with these instructions may not be considered in this review.

### Business Confidential Submissions

An interested party requesting that information contained in a submission be treated as business confidential 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 the submission should indicate, via brackets, the specific information that is confidential. Additionally, "Business Confidential" must be included in the "Type Comment" field. For any submission containing business confidential information, a non-confidential version must be submitted separately (*i.e.*, not as part of the same submission with the confidential version), indicating where confidential information has been redacted. The non-confidential version will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.

### Public Viewing of Review Submissions

Submissions in response to this notice, except for information granted "business confidential" status under 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public viewing pursuant to 15 CFR 2007.6 at <http://www.regulations.gov> upon completion of processing. Such submissions may be viewed by entering the country-specific docket number in the search field at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Dawn Shackleford,**

*Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for India, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.*

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