supporting this restraint agreement. The agreement has reduced U.S. exports of HFCS to Mexico and therefore burdened and restricted U.S. commerce.

Section 302(a) of the Trade Act authorizes the USTR to initiate an investigation under chapter 1 of Title III of the Trade Act (commonly referred to as ''section 301'') in response to the filing of a petition pursuant to section 302(a)(1). Matters actionable under section 301 include, *inter alia*, acts, policies, and practices of a foreign country that are unjustifiable, unreasonable, or discriminatory and burden or restrict U.S. commerce. An act, policy or practice is unjustifiable if it is in violation of, or inconsistent with the international legal rights of the United States. An act, policy or practice is unreasonable if the act, policy or practice, while not necessarily in violation of, or inconsistent with, the international legal rights of the United States, is otherwise unfair or inequitable. Unreasonable acts, policies or practices include, *inter alia*, denial of fair and equitable market opportunities.

Initiation of Investigation and Consultations

On May 15, 1998, the USTR determined that an investigation should be initiated to determine whether certain acts, policies or practices of the Government of Mexico affecting access to the Mexican market for HFCS are unreasonable and burden or restrict U.S. commerce and are, therefore, actionable under section 301.

Pursuant to section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR has requested consultations with the Government of Mexico concerning the issues under investigation. USTR will seek information and advice from the appropriate representatives provided for under section 135 of the Trade Act in preparing the U.S. presentations for such consultations.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the petition and any other submissions to USTR in this investigation. In particular, comments are invited regarding (i) the acts, policies and practices of the Government of Mexico that are the subject of this investigation; (ii) the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by these act, policies and practices; (iii) the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act; and (iv) appropriate action under section 301 which could be taken in response.

Comments must be filed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 15 CFR 2006.8(b) (55 FR 20593) and must be filed on or before noon on Friday, June 19, 1998. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies to: Sybia Harrison, Staff Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 223, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301–118) 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. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2006.15 must be clearly marked ''BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL'' in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page on each of 20 copies, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. The nonconfidential summary shall be placed in the file that is open to public inspection. Copies of the public version of the petition and other relevant documents are available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. An appointment to review the docket (Docket No. 301–118) may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located in Room 101.

Irving A. Williamson,

Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST–96–1436]

Filing Procedures for the DOT Docket; Electronic Submission

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), DOT.

ACTION: Notice requesting comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) is requesting the public to comment on its plan to revise its document filing requirements to provide for electronic submission of information to its central dockets management system (DMS). Electronic submission would provide more convenience than the current requirement to submit paper, by allowing DOT customers to file documents from their desktop computers. It also would streamline docket processing to accommodate the anticipated increases in volume.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by July 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Central Docket Management Facility, (CDMF) SVC–124.1, PL–401, Docket No. OST–96–1436, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Any person wishing acknowledgment that his/her comments have been received should include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Comments received will be available for public inspection and copying in the CDMF, Room PL–401, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dorothy W. Walker, Chief Dockets, SVC–124, (202) 366–9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOT consolidated its nine separate docket facilities into a central DMS and is continuing the conversion from a paper-based system to an optical imaging system for more efficient receipt, storage, management, and retrieval of docketed information. In order to complete this phased transition to an electronic docket system, DOT plans to develop an Electronic Submission (ES) enhancement for its DMS that would allow customers to submit documents electronically from their desktops into the Docket. Currently all filings must be submitted as a paper hard copy to the DMS. The paper documents are then processed into the DMS by entering a document database record, scanning the paper, and performing quality assurance (QA) on the document images and data to resolve any errors.

DOT also plans to revise its document filing requirements to provide for ES. ES is not intended to replace the current paper-based submission process since not all filers will have access to computers. DMS will retain the paper-based filing process and continue to accept paper. DOT also is considering a direct dial-in capability for those without Internet access and to provide a backup capability in the event Internet access is temporarily unavailable. All documents that are electronically submitted would be stored in a separate database for ES waiting to be processed by DMS staff. DMS staff would need to perform QA review of ES filings prior to saving the documents into the production DMS.

For the sake of simplicity, the Office of the Secretary is issuing this notice on behalf of all of DOT's constituent

agencies. Ultimately, we envision that ES would be available for all of the constituent DOT agencies; although at this time, not all have fully consolidated into the DMS. To ensure the quality of the product developed, DOT is evaluating its internal needs as well as those of the general public. Substantial changes to the DMS business processes and procedures and to agency filing requirements may be needed.

This notice is intended to inform the public about, and to solicit public comment on, electronic submission and any necessary changes to our filing requirements. It may be downloaded from the DMS Web Site News Page located at http://dms.dot.gov by clicking on the News Link. The questions are intended only to elicit any thoughts and ideas you may have on the ES enhancement to DMS.

User-System Interaction

1. What is your current use of DMS?
2. What capabilities would you like to see in the ES system?
3. Are there any other systems that you use now or are aware of that we should look at in developing ES?
4. What method should DMS use to send/receive information using ES? For example, e-mail, dial-in, Netscape, Internet Explorer, etc.
5. Should the DMS notify you that your document has: (1) arrived; and (2) been accepted?
6. In case the document is rejected, what information should the DMS send back to the submitter? (e.g., time of submission, reason for rejection).
7. Should the DMS provide submitters with an electronic submission form to fill out with information such as organization, docket id, name and address, point of contact, etc.? Filling out such a form could take some time, but could ensure better accuracy. The DMS staff would file the submitter's information as submitted rather than entering it into a record upon receipt, possibly incorrectly.

Document Size and Format

1. How many pages are in the largest documents you have ever submitted?
2. How many documents do you submit on average each day? Each month?
3. What word processing software do you use to prepare your documents? (e.g., Word Perfect (WP), Microsoft Word, etc.)
4. What charts or graphics software does the DMS need to accommodate? (e.g., Power Point, Harvard Graphics, Corel Draw, Freelance.)

Document Date and Time

1. Would you find it useful if you were able to submit documents outside normal business hours?

Security

1. Should the DMS require a unique login id/password to submit a document electronically?
2. Do you have a need to submit comments anonymously?
3. If so, how could the DMS staff contact you in case your submission is incomplete or additional information is needed?
4. Is it important that the DMS validate the identity of the sender of a document?
5. Should ES allow for encryption in order to protect the contents of a document during submission?

General

1. Are there any other special needs that we should consider?
2. Are there any additional capabilities the ES system should have?

Issued in Washington, DC on May 20, 1998.

Neil R. Eisner,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection(ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the above collection of information was published on March 9, 1998, [63 FR 11472].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith Street, ABC–100; Federal Aviation Administration; 800 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20591; Telephone number (202) 267–9895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration, and Project Status Request.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0001.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Persons or businesses planning to construct or alter a structure that may affect air safety.

Abstract: Federal Regulations (CFR Part 77 of Title 14)require all persons to report proposed or actual construction/alternation of structures affecting air safety in order to promote safety in air commerce and the efficient use and preservation of the navigable airspace and of airport traffic capacity at public-use airports.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 8,820 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention FAA Desk Officer.

Comments are Invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 15,1998.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements filed During the Week Ending May 15, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST–98–3845.

Date Filed: May 12, 1998.