

the date of the meeting was delayed until November 7, 1995, in order to assure that all of the information needed to make final selections of award winners would be available. The meeting cannot be delayed because final decisions must be made on award winners well in advance of the award ceremony planned for December 1995.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Concerning Japanese Taxes on Distilled Spirits

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 127(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) if providing notice that a dispute settlement panel convened under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), at the request of Canada, the European Communities and the United States, will examine Japanese taxes on distilled spirits. USTR also invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in the dispute.

**DATES:** Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before November 20 in order to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Attn: Japan Distilled Spirits Dispute, Room 223, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amelia Porges, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20506, (202) 395-7305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the request of Canada, the European Communities and the United States, a WTO dispute settlement panel will examine whether Japan's excise taxes on distilled spirits are consistent with

Japan's obligations under Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994. Norway has reserved its rights to intervene in the panel proceeding as an interested third party.

The panel was constituted on October 30, 1995 and its members were agreed by the parties. The panel is expected to meet as necessary at the WTO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland to examine the dispute. Under normal circumstances, the panel would be expected to issue a report detailing its findings and recommendations in six to nine months.

### Legal Basis of Complaint

Japan assesses different excise taxes on different types of distilled spirits. Whisky and brandy are taxed between four and seven times more heavily than shochu, a traditional Japanese distilled spirit. For other distilled spirits such as vodka, gin and rum, the tax rate is two to three times higher than the tax rate on shochu. Because of this preferential tax treatment for shochu, Canada, the EC and the United States have asserted that Japan's excise taxes on distilled spirits accord less favorable treatment to imported distilled spirits than to distilled spirits of Japanese origin, and thus are inconsistent with Article III of the GATT 1994.

### Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issue raised in the dispute. The provisions of 15 CFR 2006.13(a) and (c) (providing that comments received will be open to public inspection) and 2006.15 will apply to comments received. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. Pursuant to 15 CFR 2006.15, confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA, USTR will maintain a public file on this dispute settlement proceeding, which will include a list of comments received, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington DC 20506. An appointment to review the docket (Docket WTO/D-3, "Canada/EC/United States-Japan: Japan Excise Taxes on Distilled Spirits"), may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the

public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Jennifer Hillman,

General Counsel.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of the addition of a new routine use to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** This document publishes notice of the addition of a new routine use to Privacy Act system of records USPS 080.010, Inspection Requirements—Investigative File System. This new routine use permits the disclosure of information on computer bulletin boards by the Postal Inspection Service in the performance of an authorized activity to elicit information or cooperation from users of such bulletin boards. It also permits the Postal Inspection Service to alert users of such bulletin boards of possible criminal activity for which the Postal Inspection Service has authority to investigate and about which it has obtained credible information.

**DATES:** This proposal will become effective without further notice December 26, 1995, unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed or delivered to Records Office, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 8650, Washington, DC 20260-5240. Copies of all written comments received will be available for public inspection and photocopying between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Peak, Records Office, (202) 268-2601.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to subsection (e)(11) of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Postal Service is publishing a notice of a new routine use of its system of records USPS 080.010, Inspection Requirements—Investigative File System. This system contains information on the investigation of criminal, civil, or administrative matters, including employee and contractor background investigations. This new routine use permits disclosure of an individual's identity and conduct