because they are freely transferable, can be sold to any importer of eligible goods. The petition also alleges that the subsidies have burdened and restricted U.S. commerce because they have enabled Australian leather tanners to substantially lower their prices to buyers of automobile upholstery leather for the U.S. market, thereby inflicting injury on U.S. leather tanners.

Investigation and Consultations

On October 3, 1996, the USTR determined that an investigation should be initiated to determine whether certain acts, policies or practices of the Government of Australia regarding subsidies available to leather under the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Import Credit Scheme and any other subsidies to leather granted or maintained in Australia which are prohibited under Article 3 of the SCM Agreement are actionable under section 301.

As required in section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR has requested consultations with the Government of Australia regarding the issues under investigation. The request was made pursuant to Articles 1 and 4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), Article 4.1 of the SCM Agreement, and Article XXIII:1 of GATT 1994 as incorporated in Article 30 of the SCM Agreement. If the consultations do not result in a satisfactory resolution of the matter, the USTR will request the establishment of a panel pursuant to Article 6 of the DSU and Article 4.4 of the SCM Agreement. USTR will seek information and advice from the petitioner and appropriate representatives provided for under section 135 of the Trade Act in preparing the U.S. presentations for such consultations.

Under section 304 of the Trade Act, the USTR must determine within 18 months after the date on which this investigation was initiated, or within 30 days after the conclusion of WTO dispute settlement procedures, whichever is earlier, whether any act, policy, or practice or denial of trade agreement rights described in section 301 of the Trade Act exists and, if that determination is affirmative, the USTR must determine what action, if any, to take under section 301 of the Trade Act.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the acts, policies and practices of Australia which are the subject of this investigation, the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by these acts, policies and practices, and the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act. 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 Tuesday, November 5, 1996. 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, D.C. 20508.

Comments will be placed in a file (Docket 301–107) 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. 301–107) may be made by calling Brenda Webb (202) 395–6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 10:00 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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Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Small and Minority Business (ISAC 14)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee for Small and Minority Business (ISAC 14) will hold a meeting on November 4, 1996 from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and closed to the public from 12:15 to 4:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for November 4, 1996, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 1412, located in 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC 14 will hold a meeting on November 4, 1996 from 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that part of this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the Unites States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. During the discussion of such matters, the meeting will be closed to the public from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. when other trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Phyllis Shearer Jones,

Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

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

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection coming up for renewal. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of