

Chapter 4 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) to delete the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) allocation of 400,000 kilograms to Hungary for Italian-type cheese and to increase TRQ allocation to Hungary for Swiss or Emmenthaler cheese to 800,000 kilograms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This modification is effective on January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Early, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, 600 17th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20508; telephone (202) 395-6127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 4, 1993, the United States and Hungary signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the Results of Uruguay Round Negotiations on Agriculture. In this Memorandum, the United States agrees on a one-time basis to reallocate Hungary's TRQ allocations among cheese categories, provided Hungary's request was received by the United States prior to the fourth year of the TRQ implementation period (1998).

Beginning on January 1, 1995, and each year thereafter, Hungary is allocated: (1) 400,000 kilograms of the TRQ for Italian-Type cheeses under Additional U.S. Note 21 of Chapter 4 of the HTS; and (2) 400,000 kilograms of the TRQ for Swiss or Emmenthaler cheese under Additional U.S. Note 25 of Chapter 4 of the HTS. On December 12, 1996 the Government of Hungary requested that its entire 800,000 kilograms of cheese allocation be shifted to the TRQ Swiss or Emmenthaler cheese. The Government of Hungary was advised at that time that reallocation requires several administrative procedures which could not be implemented before 1998.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate in-quota quantities of a TRQ for any agricultural product among countries or customs areas and to modify an allocation as the President determines appropriate. Section 604 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Trade Act") (19 U.S.C. 2483) authorizes the President to embody in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) the substance of the relevant provisions of that Act, and other acts affecting import treatment, and actions thereunder, including the removal, modification, continuance, or imposition of any rate of duty or other import restriction.

In paragraph (3) of Proclamation 6763 of December 23, 1994, the President delegated his authority under section

404(d)(3) of the URAA to the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In paragraph 5 of Proclamation 6914 of August 26, 1996, the President determined that it is appropriate to authorize the USTR to exercise his authority under section 604 of the Trade Act to embody in the HTS the substance of any action taken by USTR under section 404(d)(3) of the URAA.

Modification of the HTS

Pursuant to the above authority, the USTR has determined that it is appropriate to modify the TRQ allocations of Hungary and to embody such modifications in the HTS. Effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 1998: (1) Additional U.S. note 21 to chapter 4 of the HTS is modified by deleting "Hungary 400,000" from the list of countries and quantities in such note; and (2) additional U.S. note 25 to Chapter 4 of the HTS is modified by deleting the quantity "400,000" set out opposite Hungary and by inserting the quantity "800,000" in lieu thereof.

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United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Training and Qualifications Issues—Revised Task

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of revised task assignments for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC).

SUMMARY: Notice is given of revised tasks assigned to and accepted by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC). This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Toula, Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards Service, AFS-210, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; phone (202) 267-3729; fax (202) 267-5229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the

Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations on the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is training and qualifications issues. These issues involve training and qualification of air carrier crewmembers and other air transport employees.

The Tasks

This notice is to inform the public that the FAA has asked ARAC to provide advice and recommendation on the following revised harmonization tasks. The original tasks were published in the **Federal Register** on November 3, 1997 (62 FR 59382).

Task 1. Determine the benefits of licensing harmonization.

Task 2. Define criteria for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conversion of Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) issued licenses, and for JAA conversion of FAA issued licenses. Consider only the Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) license, except where that license might convert to only a Commercial pilot license.

Task 3. Develop a recommendation, with justification, on whether the product (i.e., a specific level of license or certificate) should be harmonized, or the process (i.e., the curriculum, prerequisite experience, length of training, etc.) should be harmonized.

(a) If recommending that the product should be harmonized, develop a matrix of essential requirements for the FAA and JAA to impose on license holders of the other in order to convert licenses.

(b) If recommending that the process should be harmonized, develop a matrix of specific differences and how those differences should be equalized.

(c) Make specific recommendations about which FAA regulations or Joint Aviation Requirements should be changed to achieve the recommended actions. Any recommendations requiring changes to Title 14 of Code of Federal Regulations must be forwarded to the FAA for consideration of rulemaking priority, resource allocation, and additional tasking to ARAC to develop rulemaking, as appropriate.

Task 4. Review the current standards of 14 CFR sections 61.75 and 61.77 as part of the overall task. In light of this review, recommend appropriate guidance material that could later be incorporated into advisory material or an appendix to 14 CFR part 61 that

contains the criteria developed in task 3 (a) or (b) above.

The FAA expects ARAC to complete these tasks within 12 months and submit a report through ARAC to the FAA and to the JAA.

ARAC Acceptance of Tasks

ARAC has accepted the tasks and has chosen to establish a new Licensing Harmonization Working Group. The working group will serve as staff to ARAC to assist ARAC in the analysis of the assigned task. Working group recommendations must be reviewed and approved by ARAC. If ARAC accepts the working group's recommendations, it forwards them to the FAA as ARAC recommendations.

Working Group Activity

As is the case with all harmonization working groups, meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will be held alternately between the United States and Europe. Tentatively, the next two meetings will be held in Washington, DC, in January 1998 and in Hoofddorp, The Netherlands, in February 1998.

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend to ARAC a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider Training and Qualifications Issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation to ARAC of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider Training and Qualifications Issues.

Participation in the Working Group

The Licensing Harmonization Working Group is composed of experts having an interest in the assigned task. A working group member need not be a representative of a member of the full committee.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Licensing Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate.

No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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Assistant Executive Director for Training and Qualifications Issues, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 97-3199]

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; Nationwide Survey of Public Roads Readers

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew the information collection that measures the manner and extent to which the FHWA's magazine, Public Roads, is achieving its objectives and meeting the needs of its readers/customers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in

response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB renewal of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Anne Barsanti, Office of Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 6300 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101-2296, (703) 285-2102 or (703) 285-2443. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T., Monday thru Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Nationwide Survey of Public Roads Readers.

OMB Number: 2125-0562.

Background: This study is pursuant to President Clinton's Executive Order 12862, which requires all agencies to identify their customers, survey their satisfaction with current services, set standards for service and measure results against them. In addition, a nationwide census of readers was conducted in 1995 to gauge the overall satisfaction of readers and to measure, in particular, reader satisfaction with significant changes that had been made in the magazine's design and content, subject scope, and audience. Now, it is time to survey a sample of the readership and compare the results to the benchmark established in 1995. Also, the results of this survey will form the basis of a major, direct-mail campaign to increase the number of paid subscribers.

Respondents: Paid and complementary subscribers to Public Roads magazine.

Average Burden Per Response: The average burden per response is 0.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 375 hours.

Frequency: FHWA intends to use biennial followup surveys, starting in 1998, to track any changes in the baseline data collected in 1995, as well as to measure satisfaction with resulting improvements in the product and services.

Authority: Presidential Executive Order 12862.

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George Moore,

Associate Administrator for Administration.
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