Products and Chemical Intermediates to the Pharmaceutical Appendix to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Information specific to these investigations may be obtained from Philip Stone, Project Leader (202–205–3424; philip.stone@usitc.gov), Office of Industries, United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 20436. For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091; william.gearhart@usitc.gov). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov).

Background: As one part of the market access tariff results of the Uruguay Round negotiations, the United States and 21 other countries agreed to reciprocal elimination of duties on certain pharmaceutical products and chemical intermediates used primarily for the production of pharmaceuticals. In the Uruguay Round Agreement Act (URAA), Congress authorized the President to grant duty-free treatment to new pharmaceutical products and chemical intermediates. One of the requirements set out in the URAA is that the President “obtain advice regarding the proposed action” from the Commission. Pursuant to section 115 of the URAA and section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the USTR requests that the Commission provide advice in the form of additional information on the pharmaceutical products and chemical intermediates currently under consideration. The USTR specifically requests (1) a summary description of the products contained in the existing Pharmaceutical Appendix and the modifications made to that Appendix; (2) an explanation of the relationship between the various elements in the Appendix and the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States; and (3) an estimate of the current U.S. imports and, where possible, current U.S. exports of the products included in the existing Pharmaceutical Appendix and the proposed additions to the Appendix.

A list of the proposed additions to the Pharmaceutical Appendix is available on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.usitc.gov/ind_econ_anal/combined_tables Pharma_332.pdf. The Commission expects to provide its report to the USTR by September 1, 2006.

Written Submissions: The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with preparation of this report. However, interested parties are invited to submit written statements containing pertinent data such as levels of exports and imports for the items included in this investigation. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m. EDT on June 21, 2006. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or a copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission’s rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/documents/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the “confidential” or “nonconfidential” version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties.

In his request letter, the USTR stated that he intends to make the Commission’s report available to the public in its entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any confidential business or national security confidential information in the report. The report that the Commission sends to the USTR will not contain any such information. Any confidential business information received by the Commission will be used in preparing the report and will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

By order of the Commission.
Issued: June 13, 2006.

Marilyn R. Abbott, Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International—Standards

Notice is hereby given that, on May 24, 2006, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), ASTM International—Standards (“ASTM”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between February 2006 and May 2006, designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at http://www.astm.org.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on February 17, 2006. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 12, 2006 (71 FR 18769).
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Notice Pursuant to The National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Open DeviceNet Vendor Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on May 31, 2006, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Open DeviceNet Vendor Association, Inc. ("ODVA") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, ITT Industries, Inc., White Plains, NY; Northwire, Inc., Osceola, WI; Moog, Inc., East Aurora, NY; RFID, Inc., Aurora, CO; AGM Electronics, Inc., Tucson, AZ; N-Tron Corporation, Mobile, AL; Seiko Epson, Nagano-ken, Japan; ARCX, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Bird Electronic Corporation, Solon, OH; EIM Controls, Inc., Missouri City, TX; ifak systems GmbH, Magdeburg, Germany; Rockwell Automation, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; ProSoft Technology, Bakersfield, CA; Baldor Electric, Fort Smith, AR; Aquasensors, LLC, Menomonie Falls, WI; and Toyogiken Co., Ltd., Nagano, Japan have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Danaher Motion/Kollmorgen, Radford, VA; DVT Corporation, Duluth, GA; Flexible Machine Controls, Wendwood, South Africa; Intelligent Motion Systems, Marlborough, CT; MKS Instruments, CIT Group, Austin, TX; NSK Precision Co., Ltd., Kanagawa, Japan; Scientific Technologies, Inc., Freemont, CA; Shanghai Aton Electric Co., Ltd., Shanghai, People's Republic of China; Wind River Systems, Inc., Alameda, CA; and Power-IQ, Naperville, IL have withdrawn as parties to this venture. Also, Beckhoff Industrie Elektronik has changed its name to Beckhoff Automation GmbH, Nurnberg, Germany.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and ODVA intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On June 21, 1995, ODVA filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on February 15, 1996 (61 FR 6039). The last notification was filed with the Department on February 10, 2006. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 7, 2006 (71 FR 11453).

SUMMARY: Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the Federal Register notifying the public, that the Agency is preparing an information collection; request for OMB review, approval, and request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate; the quality, practical utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques by use of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATE: Comments must be received by July 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency submitting officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.


OMB Contact: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Mr. David Rostker, 725 17th Street, Room 10102, NW., Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395–3897.

Summary Form Under Review

Type of Request: Renewal/Revision.
Title: Expedited Screening Questionnaire On-Lending Transactions.

Form Number: OPIC–168 (a & b).
Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institution (except farms); individuals.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 4.0 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 300 per year.
Federal Cost: $17,000 per year.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The application is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the investor’s and the project’s eligibility for debt financing, assess the environmental impact and developmental effects of the project, measure the economic effects for the U.S. and the host country’s economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: June 8, 2006.

Eli Landy,
Senior Counsel for Administrative Law, Department of Legal Affairs.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the Federal Register notifying the public, that the Agency is preparing an information collection; request for OMB review, approval, and request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the Agency’s burden estimate; the quality, practical utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques by use of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to