

designated as eligible for the GSP; (2) that the duty-free treatment accorded to eligible articles under the GSP be withdrawn, suspended or limited; (3) that product coverage be otherwise modified; or (4) that changes be made with respect to the GSP status of eligible beneficiary countries, the GSP Subcommittee on behalf of the TPSC, TPRG, or TPC shall review the relevant information submitted in connection with or concerning a request under this part together with any other information which may be available relevant to the statutory prerequisites for Presidential action contained in Title V of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461-2465).

§2007.3 Timetable for reviews.

(a) *Annual review.* Beginning in calendar year 1986, reviews of pending requests shall be conducted at least once each year, according to the following schedule, unless otherwise specified by FEDERAL REGISTER notice:

(1) June 1, deadline for acceptance of petitions for review;

(2) July 15, FEDERAL REGISTER announcement of petitions accepted for review;

(3) September/October—public hearings and submission of written briefs and rebuttal materials;

(4) December/January—opportunity for public comment on USITC public reports;

(5) Results announced on April 1 will be implemented on July 1, the statutory effective date of modifications to the program. If the date specified is on or immediately follows a weekend or holiday, the effective date will be on the second working day following such weekend or holiday.

(b) Requests filed pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of §2007.0 which indicate the existence of unusual circumstances warranting an immediate review may be considered separately. Requests for such urgent consideration should contain a statement of reasons indicating why an expedited review is warranted.

(c) *General Review.* Section 504(c)(2) of Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2464(c)(2)) requires that, not later than January 4, 1987 and periodically thereafter, the President conduct

a general review of eligible articles based on the considerations in sections 501 and 502(c) of Title V. The initiation and scheduling of such reviews as well as the timetable for submission of comments and statements will be announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The first general review was initiated on February 14, 1985 and will be completed by January 3, 1987.

The initiation of the review and deadlines for submission of comments and statements were announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 14, 1985 (50 FR 6294).

§2007.4 Publication regarding requests.

(a) Whenever a request is received which conforms to these regulations or which is accepted pursuant to §2007.2 a statement of the fact that the request has been received, the subject matter of the request (including if appropriate, the TSUS item number or numbers and description of the article or articles covered by the request), and a request for public comment on the petitions received shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) Upon the completion of a review and publication of any Presidential action modifying the GSP, a summary of the decisions made will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER including:

(1) A list of actions taken in response to requests; and

(2) A list of requests which are pending.

(c) Whenever, following a review, there is to be no change in the status of an article with respect to the GSP in response to a request filed under §2007.0(a), the party submitting a request with respect to such articles may request an explanation of factors considered.

(d) Whenever, following a review, there is to be no change in the status of a beneficiary country with respect to the GSP in response to a request filed under §2007.0(b), the GSP Subcommittee will notify the party submitting the request in writing of the reasons why the requested action was not taken.