

Background

Soon after the implementation of the Harmonized System (HS) in 1988, the Harmonized System (HS) Review Subcommittee (RSC) of the WCO began a series of reviews of the entire HS. The third review cycle begins this year, with an expected implementation date for changes of January 2007.

The HS was established by an international Convention, which, *inter alia*, provides that the Harmonized System should be kept up-to-date in light of changes in technology and patterns of international trade. The international HS nomenclature, which is administered by the WCO, provides a uniform structural basis for the customs tariff and statistical nomenclatures of all major trading countries of the world, including the United States. The Commission, the U.S. Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census are responsible for the development of U.S. technical proposals concerning the HS under section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the 1988 Act) (19 U.S.C. 3010). A 1988 notice issued by the United States Trade Representative (53 FR 45646, Nov. 10, 1988), establishes the Commission as the lead U.S. agency in considering proposals for HS amendments that are intended to ensure that it reflects such changes in technology and trade.

A copy of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSA), which incorporates the international Harmonized System in its overall structure, can be downloaded in compressed form (self-extracting files) at the USITC's World Wide Web (WWW) site on the following page (URL): <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>. Hard copies and electronic copies of the HTSA can be found at many of the 1,400 federal Depository Libraries located throughout the United States and its territories; further information about these locations can be found on the WWW at the following location (URL): http://ww1.access.gpo.gov/GPOAccess/sitesearch/su_docs_fdlp/adpos003.html, or by contacting GPO Access at the Government Printing Office, 1-888-293-6498. Note that the international HS comprises the broadest levels of categories in the HTSA, that is, the General Rules for the Interpretation of the Nomenclature, Section and Chapter titles, Section and Chapter legal notes, and heading and subheading texts to the 6-digit level of detail. U.S. Legal Notes, further subdivisions (8- and 10-digit subheadings) and statistical notes, as well as the entire chapters 98 and 99, are national legal and statistical detail added for the administration of the tariff

and statistical programs and are not within the scope of the international HS review process.

Request for Proposals: In accordance with the above mentioned USTR notice, the Commission is seeking proposals for specific modifications to the HS (including the rules of interpretation, section and chapter notes, and the texts of the headings and subheadings) that will further the above goals. No proposals for changes to the national-level provisions (which include U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review. Interested parties, associations and government agencies should submit specific language for proposed amendments to the HS together with appropriate descriptive comments and, to the extent available, trade data.

As part of this review, the Commission particularly invites proposals concerning the following matters:

- The deletion of HS headings or subheadings with low trade volume.
- The separate identification in the HS of new products important in international trade.
- The simplification of the HS, *e.g.*, by the elimination of classification provisions which are difficult to administer.
- Modifications to the HS Explanatory Notes, a WCO publication which clarifies the scope of HS provisions.

As mentioned above, *no proposals for changes to national-level provisions (including Additional U.S. Notes, U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review.* The changes in the international HS that will result from this review cycle will not necessarily affect tariff rates for products imported into the United States; as with the first two HS review cycles, the USITC plans eventually to develop a set of proposed HTS changes that will align the HTS with the international HS changes, pursuant to sec. 1205 of the 1988 Act.

Deadline: Suggestions must be received no later than the close of business June 30, 2000, in order to be considered by the Commission. Requests for extensions of time should be made in writing to the Secretary at the address indicated below.

Written Submissions: All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E St. SW, Room 112-A, Washington, DC 20436. Commercial or financial information that a party

desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested persons.

TDD Access: Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

World Wide Web Access: This notice, and any subsequent notices published pursuant to section 1210 of the 1988 Act, may be obtained from the ITC Internet web server: <http://www.usitc.gov/>.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated February 25, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2000, (65 FR 44) Chattem Chemicals, Inc., 3708 St. Elmo Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 34709, made application by letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of amphetamine (1100), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to bulk manufacture amphetamine for distribution to its customers.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Chattem Chemicals, Inc. to manufacture amphetamine is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Chattem Chemicals, Inc. to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the

company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above is granted.

Dated: May 22, 2000.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on December 22, 1999, Lonza Riverside, 900 River Road, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428, made application by renewal which was received for processing April 12, 2000, to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Phenylacetone (8501)	II

The firm plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances in bulk for distribution to its customers.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substance may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than August 1, 2000.

Dated: May 24, 2000.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on April 14, 2000, Sigma Aldrich Research Biochemicals, Inc., Attn: Richard Milius, 1-3 Strathmore Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Cathinone (1235)	I
Methcathinone (1237)	I
Aminorex (1585)	I
Alpha-Ethyltryptamine (7249)	I
Lysergic acid diethylamide (7315)	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370)	I
4-Bromo-2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (7391)	I
4-Bromo-2, 5-dimethoxyphenethylamine (7392)	I
2,5-Dimethoxyamphetamine (7396)	I
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (7400)	I
N-Hydroxy-3, 4-methylenedioxyamphetamine (7402)	I
3, 4-Methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (7404)	I
3, 4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (7405)	I
Psilocybin (7437)	I
1-[1-(2-Thienyl) cyclohexyl] piperidine (7470)	I
Heroin (9200)	I
Normorphine (9313)	I
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Methamphetamine (1105)	II
Pentobarbital (2270)	II
Phenylcyclohexylamine (7460) ...	II
Phencyclidine (7471)	II
Cocaine (9041)	II
Codeine (9050)	II
Diprenorphine (9058)	II
Benzoyllecgonine (9180)	II
Levomethorphan (9210)	II
Levorphanol (9220)	II
Meperidine (9230)	II
Metazocine (9240)	II
Methadone (9250)	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II
Levo-alphaacetylmethadol (LAAM) (9648)	II
Fentanyl (9801)	II

The firm plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances for laboratory reference standards and neurochemicals.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substance may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than August 1, 2000.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-37,303 and NAFTA-3688]

Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By application dated March 24, 2000, petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's denial of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) petition number TA-W-37,303 and North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) petition number NAFTA-3688, for workers and former workers of Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania. The notices of negative determination were issued March 8, 2000 and published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 2000 (65 FR 17312) and (65 FR 17313), respectively.

The March 8, 2000 denial of TAA and NAFTA-TAA for workers of the subject firm engaged in employment related to the refurbishment of traction motors for locomotives at Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania, was based on the finding that the workers provided a service and did not produce an article within the meaning of the group eligibility requirements of section 222 and 250(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

The Department, on reconsideration, has learned that the workers produce an article, and all the worker group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 have been met. There were declines in sales or