5. Eritrea
6. Ethiopia
7. Guinea
8. Mali
9. Mauritania
10. Seychelles (graduated from GSP; ineligible for consideration for AGOA benefits)
11. Somalia (requested consideration for AGOA benefits for the first time this year)
12. South Sudan
13. Sudan (did not request designation as an AGOA beneficiary country)
14. Zimbabwe

The AGOA Subcommittee is requesting written public comments for this review and will conduct a virtual public hearing to develop recommendations to the President in connection with the annual review of sub-Saharan African countries' eligibility for AGOA benefits. The Secretary of Labor may consider comments related to the child labor criteria to prepare the U.S. Department of Labor's report on child labor as required under section 504 of the 1974 Act.

II. Hearing Participation

The AGOA Subcommittee will convene a virtual public hearing to receive oral testimony related to sub-Saharan African countries' eligibility for AGOA benefits via WebEx on Monday, July 24, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT. Persons wishing to observe the public hearing will find a link on USTR's web page for sub-Saharan Africa on the day of the hearing at *https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/africa.*

To ensure participation, you must submit requests to present oral testimony at the hearing and written testimony by midnight on July 7, 2023, via *Regulations.gov*, using Docket Number USTR–2023–0003. Instructions for submission are in sections III and IV below. Remarks at the hearing will be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the AGOA Subcommittee. Because the hearing will be public, testimony should not include any business confidential information (BCI). USTR will provide a link in advance of the virtual hearing to persons wishing to testify.

The AGOA Subcommittee requests small businesses (generally defined by the Small Business Administration as firms with fewer than 500 employees) or organizations representing small business members that submit comments to self-identify as such, so that we may be aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

III. Procedures for Written Submissions

To be assured of consideration, submit your written comments, requests to testify, and written testimony by the July 7, 2023, 11:59 p.m. EDT deadline. All submission must be in English. The AGOA Subcommittee strongly encourages submissions via *Regulations.gov*, using Docket Number USTR–2023–0003.

To make a submission via *Regulations.gov*, enter Docket Number USTR–2023–0003 in the 'search for' field on the home page and click 'search.' The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting 'notice' under 'document type' in the 'refine documents results' section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled 'comment.'

Regulations.gov allows users to make submissions by filling in a 'type comment' field or by attaching a document using the 'upload file' field. The AGOA Subcommittee prefers that you provide submissions in an attached document and note 'see attached' in the 'comment' field on the online submission form. The AGOA Subcommittee prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If you use an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the 'type comment' field.

At the beginning of your submission or on the first page (if an attachment), include the following text: (1) 2024 AGOA Eligibility Review; (2) the relevant country or countries; and (3) whether the submission is a comment, request to testify, or written testimony. Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files. You will receive a tracking number upon completion of the submission procedure at *Regulations.gov*. The tracking number is confirmation that *Regulations.gov* received your submission. Keep the confirmation for your records. USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for *Regulations.gov*.

For further information on using *Regulations.gov*, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on 'How to Use *Regulations.gov*' on the bottom of the home page. The AGOA Subcommittee may not consider submissions that you do not make in accordance with these instructions.

If you are unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact Jeremy Streatfeild, Director of African Affairs, Office of African Affairs, in advance of the deadline at *Jeremy.E.Streatfeild@ustr.eop.gov* or (202) 395–8642, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions. General information concerning USTR is available at *www.ustr.gov.*

IV. Business Confidential Information (BCI) Submissions

If you ask the AGOA Subcommittee to treat information you submit as BCI, you must certify that the information is business confidential and you would not customarily release it to the public. For any comments submitted electronically containing BCI, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters 'BCI.' You must clearly mark any page containing BCI with 'BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL' at the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing BCI also must submit a public version of their submission that will be placed in the docket for public inspection. The file name of the public version should begin with the character 'P.'

V. Public Viewing of Review Submissions

USTR will post written submissions in the docket for public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view submissions at *Regulations.gov* by entering Docket Number USTR–2023–0003 in the search field on the home page.

William Shpiece,

Chair of the Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Product Exclusion Extensions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative modified the actions in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation by excluding from additional duties certain medical-care products needed to address COVID, and subsequently extended certain of these exclusions. The current COVID exclusions—covering 81 medical-care products—are scheduled to expire on May 15, 2023. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to provide a 16-day transition period for all COVID exclusions, extending them through May 31, 2023, and to extend 77 of the COVID exclusions through September 30, 2023.

DATES: To provide a transition period, this notice extends the 81 exclusions scheduled to expire on May 15, 2023 through May 31, 2023, listed in Annex B to notice 86 FR 63438). Those exclusions receiving further extensions and listed in the Annex to this notice are extended through September 30, 2023. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Edward Marcus at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions, contact *traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In the course of this investigation, the U.S. Trade Representative has imposed additional duties on products of China in four tranches. *See* 83 FR 28719 (June 20, 2018); 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018); 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), as modified by 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018); and 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), as modified by 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019) and 85 FR 3741 (January 22, 2020).

For each tranche, the U.S. Trade Representative established a process by which U.S. stakeholders could request the exclusion of particular products subject to the action. Additionally, on March 25, 2020, USTR requested public comments on proposed modifications to exclude from additional duties certain medical-care products related to the U.S. response to COVID. 85 FR 16987 (March 25, 2020).

On December 29, 2020, USTR announced 99 product exclusions for medical-care products and products related to the U.S. COVID response. These 99 exclusions were later extended until September 30, 2021. 86 FR 13785. On August 27, 2021, USTR published a notice requesting public comments on whether any of these exclusions should be further extended for up to six months. 86 FR 48280. On November 16, 2021, USTR announced the U.S. Trade Representative's determination to extend 81 of these exclusions for an additional 6 months. *See* 86 FR 63438 (November 16, 2021). The notice further provided that the U.S. Trade Representative might consider further extensions and/or modifications as appropriate. 86 FR 63438. These 81 exclusions were subsequently extended through February 28, 2023. *See* 87 FR 33871 (June 03, 2022); 87 FR 73383 (November 29, 2022).

On February 7, 2023, USTR published a notice requesting public comments on whether to further extend any of these exclusions for up to 6 months and announced an interim extension of the 81 exclusions through May 15, 2023, to allow time for consideration of the public comments. 87 FR 8027 (February 7, 2023). The February 7 notice stated that USTR would evaluate each of the 81 exclusions on a case-by-case basis. The evaluation would examine whether it remains appropriate to exclude certain products from additional Section 301 duties in light of the changing circumstances, including the spread of variants or subvariants and the increased domestic production and availability of certain products, and taking account of the overall impact of these exclusions on the goal of obtaining the elimination of China's acts, policies, and practices covered in this Section 301 investigation.

In accordance with Section 307(c)(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, on September 8, 2022, USTR announced that it would be conducting a review of the July 6, 2018 and August 23, 2018 actions, as modified. *See* 87 FR 26797 (May 5, 2022); 87 FR 55073 (September 8, 2022). Section 307(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 requires the U.S. Trade Representative to conduct a review of: (A) the effectiveness in achieving the objectives of Section 301 of (i) such action, and (ii) other actions that could be taken (including actions against other products or services), and (B) the effects of such actions on the United States economy, including consumers. *See* 19 U.S.C. 2417(c)(3)(A) and (B). In a notice published on October 17, 2022 (87 FR 62914), USTR announced that it was opening a docket on November 15, 2022 (USTR–2022–0014) for interested persons to submit comments with respect to any aspect of Section 307(c) considerations, including whether certain tariff headings should remain covered by the actions.

B. Determination To Extend Certain Exclusions

Based on evaluation of the public comments and the factors set out in in the February 7 notice, and pursuant to sections 301(b), 301(c), and 307(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined to extend 77 of the COVID-related exclusions as set out in the Annex to this notice through September 30, 2023. The U.S. Trade Representative has determined that extending these 77 exclusions is not likely to adversely harm domestic manufacturing of products covered by the exclusions, and extending them through September 30, 2023 will allow the U.S. Trade Representative to consider and align, as appropriate, the exclusions with the results of the statutory 4-year review. The U.S. Trade Representative's determination to extend these exclusions takes into account public comments submitted in response to the February 7 notice and the advice of advisory committees, the interagency Section 301 Committee, and the White House COVID Response Team.

To provide a transition period for the expiring exclusions, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined to extend all 81 COVID-related exclusions described in Annex B of the November 16, 2021 (86 FR 63438) notice through May 31, 2023.

The exclusion extensions are available for any product that meets the description in the product exclusion. Further, the scope of each exclusion and modification is governed by the scope of the ten-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings and product descriptions in the Annex to this notice. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

The U.S. Trade Representative may continue to consider further extensions and/or additional modifications as appropriate.

The U.S. Trade Representative's determination not to extend certain COVID-related exclusions does not affect exclusions reinstated October 12, 2021 under docket number USTR–2021–0019 and subsequently extended through September 30, 2023. *See* 87 FR 78187 (December 21, 2022).

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General Counsel, Offfice of the United States Trade Representative.

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Annexes for COVID Extensions

Annex A

Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 15, 2023, and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on May 31, 2023, the article description of heading 9903.88.66 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by deleting "May 15, 2023," and by inserting "June 1, 2023," in lieu thereof.

Annex B

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on June 1, 2023 and before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on September 30, 2023, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified:

1. by inserting the following new heading 9903.88.68 in numerical sequence, with the material in the new heading inserted in the columns of the HTSUS labeled "Heading/Subheading", "Article Description", and "Rates of Duty 1-General", respectively:

Heading/ Subheading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		1		2
		General	Special	
"9903.88.68	Effective with respect to entries on or after June 1, 2023, and before October 1, 2023, articles the product of China, as provided for in U.S. note 20(uuu) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the U.S. Trade Representative	The duty provided in the applicable subheading"		

2. by inserting the following new U.S. note 20(uuu) to subchapter III of chapter 99 in numerical sequence:

"(uuu) (i) The U.S. Trade Representative determined to establish a process by which particular products classified in heading 9903.88.01 and provided for in U.S. notes 20(a) and 20(b) to this subchapter could be excluded from the additional duties imposed by heading 9903.88.01. See 83 Fed. Reg. 40823 (August 16, 2018) and 83 Fed. Reg. 47326 (September 18, 2018). Pursuant to the product exclusion process, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that, as provided in heading 9903.88.68, the additional duties provided for in heading 9903.88.01 shall not apply to the following particular products, which are provided for in the enumerated statistical reporting numbers:

(1) Disposable plastic filters of a kind suitable for filtering and dehumidifying a patient's breath in a medical device such as a gas analyzer (described in statistical reporting number 8421.39.8090)
(2) S-band and X-band linear accelerators designed for use in radiation surgery or radiation therapy equipment (described in statistical reporting number 8543.10.0000)

(3) Disposable electrocardiograph (ECG) electrodes (described in statistical reporting number 9018.11.9000)
(4) Ultrasonic scanning apparatus, each having dimensions not exceeding 122 cm by 77 cm by 127 cm, whether or not presented with transducer (described in statistical reporting number 9018.12.0000)
(5) Blood pressure monitors suitable for use by medical professionals (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9530)
(6) Digital peak flow meters suitable for use by medical professionals (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9550)
(7) Fingertip pulse oximeters suitable for use by medical professionals (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9550)
(8) Bismuth germanate crystals with set dimensional and surface finish requirements and used as a detection element in Positron Emission Tomography (PET) detectors (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9560)
(9) Magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") patient enclosure devices, each incorporating radio frequency and gradient coils (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9560)
(10) Parts and accessories of capnography monitors (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9560)
(11) Disposable surface electrodes for Intra-operative neuromonitoring ("IONM") systems, each composed of a surface electrode pad, an insulated wire, and a standard DIN 42802 connector (described in statistical reporting number 9018.19.9560)
(12) Otoscopes (described in statistical reporting number 9018.90.2000)
(13) Anesthesia masks (described in statistical reporting number 9018.90.3000)
(14) Anesthetic instruments and appliances suitable for use in medical or surgical sciences, and parts and accessories of the foregoing (described in statistical reporting number 9018.90.3000)
(15) Electrosurgical cautery pencils with electrical connectors (described in statistical reporting number 9018.90.6000)
(16) Printed circuit board assemblies designed for use in displaying operational performance of medical infusion equipment (described in statistical reporting number 9018.90.7580)
(17) Combined positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) scanners which utilize multiple PET gantries (frames) on a common base (described in statistical reporting number 9022.12.0000)
(18) X-ray tables (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.2500)
(19) X-ray tube housings and parts thereof (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.4000)
(20) Multi-leaf collimators of radiotherapy systems based on the use of X-ray (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.6000)
(21) Parts and accessories, of metal, for mobile X-ray apparatus (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.6000)
(22) Vertical stands specially designed to support, contain or adjust the movement of X-ray digital detectors, or the X-ray tube and collimator in complete X-ray diagnostic systems (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.6000)
(23) Thermoplastic masks of polycaprolactone for the use of immobilizing patients, during the use of alpha, beta or gamma radiations, for radiography or radiotherapy (described in statistical reporting number 9022.90.9500)
(24) Inoculator sets of plastics, each consisting of a plate with multiple wells, a display tray, and a lid; when assembled, the set measuring 105 mm or more but

not exceeding 108 mm in width, 138 mm or more but not exceeding 140 mm in depth, and 6.5 mm or less in thickness (described in statistical reporting number 9027.90.5650)

(ii) The U.S. Trade Representative determined to establish a process by which particular products classified in heading 9903.88.02 and provided for in U.S. notes 20(c) and 20(d) to this subchapter could be excluded from the additional duties imposed by heading 9903.88.02. See 83 Fed. Reg. 40823 (August 16, 2018) and 83 Fed. Reg. 47326 (September 18, 2018). Pursuant to the product exclusion process, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that, as provided in heading 9903.88.68, the additional duties provided for in heading 9903.88.02 shall not apply to the following particular products, which are provided for in the enumerated statistical reporting numbers:

(1) 9025.19.8010
(2) 9025.19.8020
(3) 9025.19.8060
(4) 9025.19.8085
(5) Molded acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) tubes, of a kind used to effect the sterile transfer of fluid from a bag or vial to another container, each tube measuring 7.5 cm or more but not exceeding 23 cm in length, with an inner diameter of less than 0.65 cm and an outer diameter of less than 9 cm, one end having been angle-cut to form a spike, and having an integrated flange, less than 3 cm in diameter (splash guard) near the spike end and removable polyethylene caps on each end, put up in sterile packing (described in statistical reporting number 3917.29.0090)
(6) Rectangular sheets of high-density or low-density polyethylene, 111.75 cm to 215.9 cm in width, and 152.4 cm to 304.8 cm in length, with a sticker attached to mark the center of each sheet, of a kind used in hospital or surgery center operating rooms (described in statistical reporting number 3920.10.0000)
(7) Sheets and strips consisting of both cross-linked polyethylene and ethylene vinyl acetate, of a width greater than 1 m but not greater than 1.5 m, and a length greater than 1.75 m but not greater than 2.6 m (described in statistical reporting number 3921.19.0000)
(8) Polyethylene sheet and film laminated with spunbond-spunbond-spunbond nonwoven polypropylene fabric, measuring 1.12 m or more but not over 1.52 m in width and 1.93 m or more but not over 2.29 m in length, and weighing 55 g/m^2 or more but not exceeding 88 g/m^2 (described in statistical reporting number 3921.90.1500)
(9) Dispensers of hand-cleaning or hand-sanitizing solutions, whether employing a manual pump or a proximity-detecting battery-operated pump, each article weighing not more than 3 kg (described in statistical reporting number 8424.89.9000)

(iii) The U.S. Trade Representative determined to establish a process by which particular products classified in heading 9903.88.03 and provided for in U.S. notes 20(e) and 20(f) to this subchapter could be excluded from the additional duties imposed by heading 9903.88.03, and by which particular products classified in heading 9903.88.04 and provided for in U.S. note 20(g) to this subchapter could be excluded from the additional duties imposed by heading 9903.88.04. See 83 Fed. Reg. 47974 (September 21, 2018) and 84 Fed. Reg. 29576 (June 24, 2019). Pursuant to the product exclusion process, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that, as provided in heading 9903.88.68, the

additional duties provided for in heading 9903.88.03 or in heading 9903.88.04 shall not apply to the following particular products, which are provided for in the enumerated statistical reporting numbers:

(1) 3808.94.1000
(2) 3808.94.5010
(3) 3926.20.9050
(4) 4819.50.4060
(5) 5603.12.0090 prior to July 1, 2022; 5603.12.0070 or 5603.12.0095 effective July 1, 2022
(6) 5603.92.0090 prior to July 1, 2022; 5603.92.0070 or 5603.92.0095 effective July 1, 2022
(7) 5603.93.0090
(8) 6505.00.8015
(9) 8424.90.9080
(10) Sodium metal (CAS No. 7440-23-5), in bulk solid form (described in statistical reporting number 2805.11.0000)
(11) Disposable cloths of nonwoven textile materials impregnated, coated or covered with organic surface-active preparations for washing the skin, put up for retail sale (described in statistical reporting number 3401.30.5000)
(12) Mixtures containing 2-(dimethylamino)ethanol (CAS No. 108-01-0) (described in statistical reporting number 3824.99.9297)
(13) Silicon monoxide (SiO) (CAS No. 10097-28-6) in powder form (described in statistical reporting number 3824.99.9297)
(14) Flexible gas sampling tubes, pipes and hoses, of polyvinyl chloride, with lock connectors at each end (described in statistical reporting number 3917.33.0000)
(15) Flexible oxygen tubes, pipes and hoses presented with integrated molded connectors, of polyvinyl chloride (described in statistical reporting number 3917.33.0000)
(16) Container units of plastics, each comprising a tub and lid therefore, configured or fitted for the conveyance, packing, or dispensing of wet wipes (described in statistical reporting number 3923.10.9000)
(17) Sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene, reclosable, qualifying as Class 1 medical devices by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under product code NNI (described in statistical reporting number 3923.21.0030)
(18) Injection molded polypropylene plastic caps or lids each weighing not over 24 grams designed for dispensing wet wipes (described in statistical reporting number 3923.50.0000)
(19) Hand pumps (other than for fuel or lubricants, not fitted or designed to be fitted with a metering device), each used to dispense a metered quantity of liquid soap or sanitizer (described in statistical reporting number 8413.20.0000)
(20) Hand pumps for liquids (other than those of subheading 8413.11 or 8413.19) of acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) plastics (described in statistical reporting number 8413.20.0000)
(21) Indicator panels incorporating LEDs, designed for use in medical infusion equipment (described in statistical reporting number 8531.20.0040)
(22) Data input devices each with display capabilities of a kind used for magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") equipment, computed tomography ("CT") equipment, intraoperative X-ray ("IXR") equipment or patient monitors (described in statistical reporting number 8537.10.9170)

(23) Compound binocular optical microscopes (other than stereoscopic microscopes and microscopes for photomicrography, cinemicrography or microprojection), each with magnification of 40X or more but not exceeding 1,000X, weighing not more than 3 kg (described in statistical reporting number 9011.80.0000)

(24) Compound optical microscopes (other than stereoscopic microscopes and microscopes for photomicrography, cinemicrography or microprojection), each with magnification of 40X or more but not exceeding 400X, weighing not more than 15 kg (described in statistical reporting number 9011.80.0000)

"(iv) The U.S. Trade Representative determined to establish a process by which particular products classified in heading 9903.88.15 and provided for in U.S. notes 20(r) and (s) to this subchapter could be excluded from the additional duties imposed by heading 9903.88.15. See 84 Fed. Reg. 43304 (August 20, 2019), 84 Fed. Reg. 45821 (August 30, 2019), 84 Fed. Reg. 57144 (October 24, 2019) and 85 Fed. Reg. 3741 (January 22, 2020). Pursuant to the product exclusion process, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that, as provided in heading 9903.88.68, the additional duties provided for in heading 9903.88.15 shall not apply to the following particular products, which are provided for in the following enumerated statistical reporting numbers:

(1) 3401.19.0000
(2) 3926.90.9910
(3) 5210.11.4040
(4) 5210.11.6020
(5) 5504.10.0000
(6) 6210.10.5010
(7) 6210.10.5090
(8) 6307.90.7200
(9) Face shields of transparent plastics, whether or not assembled (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9950)
(10) Bowls of molded plastics, with clips for retaining guide wires during surgical procedures (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9985 effective July 1, 2020)
(11) Coverings, of plastics, designed to fit over wound sites or casts thereby forming a protective seal for keeping the covered area dry and debris free while showering or bathing (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9985 effective July 1, 2020)
(12) Disposable graduated medicine dispensing cups of plastics (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9985 effective July 1, 2020)
(13) Single-use sterile drapes and covers of plastics, of a kind used to protect the sterile field in surgical operating rooms (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9985 effective July 1, 2020)
(14) Sterile decanters of polystyrene plastics, each of a kind used to transfer aseptic fluids or medication to and from sterile bags, vials or glass containers (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9985 effective July 1, 2020)
(15) Cold packs consisting of a single-use, instant, endothermic chemical reaction cold pack combined with a textile exterior lining (described in statistical

reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)

(16) Hot packs of textile material, single-use (exothermic chemical reaction) (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)

(17) Laparotomy sponges of cotton (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)

(18) Single-use blood pressure cuff sleeves of textile materials (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)

(19) Single-use stethoscope covers (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)

(20) Woven gauze sponges of cotton in square or rectangular sizes (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889 prior to July 1, 2020; described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9891 effective July 1, 2020)".

3. by amending the last sentence of the first paragraph of U.S. note 20(a) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (15)" and by inserting "(15)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (16) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(i) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(i) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

4. by amending U.S. note 20(b) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (15)" and by inserting "(15)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (16) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(i) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(i) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

5. by amending the last sentence of the first paragraph of U.S. note 20(c) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (9)" and by inserting "(9)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (10) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(ii) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(ii) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

6. by amending U.S. note 20(d) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (9)" and by inserting "(9)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (10) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(ii) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(ii) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

7. by amending the last sentence of the first paragraph of U.S. note 20(e) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (18)" and by inserting "(18)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (19) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(iii) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(iii) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

8. by amending U.S. note 20(f) to subchapter III of chapter 99 by:

   a. by deleting "or (18)" and by inserting "(18)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting "; or (19) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(iii) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after the phrase "U.S. note 20(ttt)(iii) to subchapter III of chapter 99", where it appears at the end of the sentence.

9. by amending the last sentence of the first paragraph of U.S. note 20(r) to subchapter III of chapter 99:

   a. by deleting "or (12)" and by inserting "(12)" in lieu thereof; and

   b. by inserting ", or (13) heading 9903.88.68 and U.S. note 20(uuu)(iv) to subchapter III of chapter 99" after "U.S. note 20(ttt)(iv) to subchapter III of chapter 99".

10. by amending the article description of heading 9903.88.01:

   a. by deleting "9903.88.66 or";

   b. by inserting in lieu thereof "9903.88.66,"; and

   c. by inserting "or 9903.88.68" after "9903.88.67".

11. by amending the article description of heading 9903.88.02:

   a. by deleting "9903.88.66 or";

   b. by inserting in lieu thereof "9903.88.66,"; and

   c. by inserting "or 9903.88.68" after "9903.88.67".

12. by amending the article description of heading 9903.88.03:

   a. by deleting "9903.88.66 or";

   b. by inserting in lieu thereof "9903.88.66,"; and

   c. by inserting "or 9903.88.68" after "9903.88.67".

13. by amending the article description of heading 9903.88.15:

a. by deleting "9903.88.66 or";

b. by inserting in lieu thereof "9903.88.66,"; and

c. by inserting "or 9903.88.68" after "9903.88.67".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2023–0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The DOT invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2023–0015 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Govind Vadakpat Ph.D., 202–366–5004, Smart Infrastructure Program Manager, Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (ITS JPO), Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. DOT Intersection Safety Challenge—System Assessment and Virtual Testing Competition.

Background: Improving the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users is of critical importance to achieving the objectives of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) and DOT's vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries across our transportation system. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2020 there were 10,626 traffic fatalities in the United States at roadway intersections, including 1,674 pedestrian and 355 bicyclist fatalities. These fatalities at intersections represent 27% of the total of 38,824 road traffic deaths recorded in 2020.

In response to these growing concerns and as part of the NRSS Call to Action, the DOT Intersection Safety Challenge (hereafter, ''the Challenge'') incentivizes the development of new, cost-effective, real-time roadway Intersection Safety System (ISS) concepts that apply emerging technologies to identify and mitigate unsafe roadway intersection conditions involving vehicles and vulnerable road users. Innovative ISS concepts may utilize emerging technologies, *e.g.,* machine sensing and perception, data fusion, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), trajectory and path prediction, vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications, and real-time decision-making to generate anticipatory warning systems and other safety-countermeasures. In the U.S. DOT Intersection Safety Challenge—System Assessment and Virtual Testing Competition, participants will develop and improve algorithms for the detection, localization, and classification of vulnerable road users and vehicles using government-supplied sensor data. These government-supplied data include contemporaneous feeds from diverse sensor technology deployed at the roadside in a controlled test intersection. Participants will use these data and their resulting algorithms to predict future intersection conditions and identify potentially unsafe conditions (current or predicted). The accuracy of these predictions will be measured against observed ground truth conditions as part of a broader set of judging criteria. To be eligible for a prize, submissions must include a structured description of identified and predicted intersection conditions as well as the executable computer programming code required to support independent validation. Participants may submit an optional Concept Paper describing their ISS concept and the potential of this concept to address the vision and objectives of the Challenge. The government anticipates awarding multiple prizes. Detailed rules and judging criteria will be provided when the prize competition is formally announced.

Respondents: Approximately 40 participants (or participant teams) are expected to respond to the prize competition.

Frequency: Participants may submit the structured description and supporting computer programming code (for validation) up to three times during the duration of the U.S. DOT Intersection Safety Challenge—System Assessment and Virtual Testing Competition. Participants may submit an optional Concept Paper at any time prior to the close of the prize competition.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 2,000 total staff-hours is estimated for a participant to complete up to 3 submissions with all required elements for the U.S. DOT Intersection Safety Challenge—System Assessment and Virtual Testing Competition. Further, the completion of the optional Concept Paper is estimated at 170 staff-hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40 respondents × 2,170 hours = 86,800 hours.