

Notice of Public Meeting in the WTO Dispute:
European Communities and Certain Member States – Measures Affecting Trade in
Large Civil Aircraft (DS316)

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) wishes to inform the public of an opportunity to view a videotape of the public session of the first meeting of the Panel in the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) dispute: *European Communities and Certain Member States – Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft* (DS316). That meeting is scheduled to begin on March 20, 2007, at the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland and may be viewed only by videotape after a tape delay.

The Panel intends to show the videotape on March 22, 2007, on the WTO premises in Geneva, Switzerland, unless business confidential information (“BCI”) was referenced during the session and there needs to be a delay to ensure that the BCI is not disclosed in showing the videotape. Viewing will be open to those individuals who apply and are accepted by the WTO.

This is the second time a WTO dispute will involve a panel meeting open to the public. (The first involved the Hormones dispute (WT/DS320)). More details about the Aircraft dispute may be found at http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds316_e.htm, and the U.S. submission to the panel may be found at http://www.usrt.gov/Trade_Agreements/Monitoring_Enforcement/Dispute_Settlement/WTO/Dispute_Settlement_Index_-Pending.html.

At the public session, parties will make their opening statement and may pose questions or make comments on the other party's statement. The United States does not expect the Panel to pose any questions or make any comments during the public session. The public session will be videotaped. At an appropriate time after the public meeting is over, the Panel will confirm that no BCI was referenced during the public session.

USTR invites any person interested in viewing the public session to so inform USTR by e-mail to rsvp@ustr.eop.gov. USTR urges that the request be made as soon as possible. Requests will be forwarded to the WTO. Each request should indicate the person's full name, contact information (full address, phone, and e-mail), organization (if any), and nationality, and whether the person has made any other request to view the public session (such as a request directly to the WTO or to the other party to the dispute, the European Communities).