investors and the general public to have the options market available to enter new positions, or close open positions.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Amending the definition of “market for the underlying security” within Options 3, Section 8(a)(2) does not burden competition. The Exchange’s proposal offers alternative paths to open the Exchange in the event that the primary market or even a designated alternate primary market experiences an issue. The Exchange’s proposal is intended to create additional certainty that in the event of an issue with the primary market, the Exchange would have other equity markets to look to with respect to underlying prices on which to open the Exchange. This proposal also does not impact the ability of other options markets to open.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days following the date of its filing with the Commission, the Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(ii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the Exchange may amend its rules to permit the Exchange to utilize additional venues to open its market if the primary market and any designated alternate market for the underlying security are experiencing an issue and unable to open, thereby allowing investors to transact on its market in such a situation. The Exchange believes that having its options market available to enter new positions or close open positions would benefit investors and the general public. For these reasons, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal as operative upon filing.11

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments
- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–MRX–2020–08 on the subject line.

Paper Comments
- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.12

J. Matthew DeLesDernier, Assistant Secretary.

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acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The additional duties on products in List 1, which is set out in Annex A of the August 20 notice, became effective on September 1, 2019. On August 30, 2019, at the direction of the President, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to increase the rate of the additional duty applicable to the tariff subheadings covered by the August 20 notice from 10 percent to 15 percent. On January 22, 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative determined to reduce the rate from 15 percent to 7.5 percent. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated a product exclusion process in October 2019, and interested persons have submitted requests for the exclusion of specific products. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative’s determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to this notice. The U.S. Trade Representative will continue to issue decisions on pending requests on a periodic basis.

DATES: The product exclusions announced in this notice will apply as of September 1, 2019, the effective date of List 1 of the August 2 notice, and will extend to September 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Assistant General Counsels Philip Butler or Megan Grimball, or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see prior notices including 82 FR 40213 (August 24, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018), 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), 83 FR 49153 (September 28, 2018), 84 FR 20450 (May 9, 2019), 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), 84 FR 45821 (August 30, 2019), 84 FR 57144 (October 24, 2019), 84 FR 69447 (December 18, 2019). Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the 10-digit HTSUS subheading as described in the Annex, and not by product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion.

B. Determination To Grant Certain Exclusions

Based on evaluation of the factors set out in the October 24 notice, which are summarized above, pursuant to sections 301(b), 301(c), and 307(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and in accordance with the advice of the interagency Section 301 Committee, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined to grant the product exclusions set out in the Annex to this notice. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination also takes into account advice from advisory committees and any public comments on the pertinent exclusion requests.

As set out in the Annex, the exclusions are reflected in five 10-digit HTSUS subheadings and 7 specially prepared product descriptions, which together cover 36 separate exclusion requests.

In accordance with the October 24 notice, the exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the 10-digit HTSUS subheading as described in the Annex, and not by product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion.
Paragraph A. subparagraphs (3)–(4) of the Annex contain modifying amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.

As stated in the October 24 notice, the exclusions will apply from September 1, 2019, the effective date of List 1 of the August 20 notice, and will extend for one year to September 1, 2020. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

The U.S. Trade Representative will continue to issue determinations on pending requests on a periodic basis.

**Joseph Barloon,**
General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

### 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 September 1, 2019, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified:

1. by inserting the following new heading 9903.88.44 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:

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<td>9903.88.............</td>
<td>Articles the product of China, as provided for in U.S. note 20(ww) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the U.S. Trade Representative.</td>
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2. by inserting the following new U.S. note 20(ww) to subchapter III of chapter 99 in numerical sequence:

“(ww) 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 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), 84 FR 45821 (August 30, 2019), 84 FR 57144 (October 24, 2019) and 85 FR 3741 (January 22, 2020). Pursuant to the product exclusion process, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that 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) 0505.10.0050
(2) 3926.90.9925
(3) 6506.10.3045
(4) 8512.10.2000
(5) 8528.72.6420
(6) 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)
(7) Pouches of plastics, of a kind used with manually operated pill or tablet crushers to capture the powdered medicaments (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990)
(8) Refillable dispensers of plastics, designed for mounting on a vertical wall, of a kind used to store and dispense emesis containment bags in medical settings (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990)
(9) Sterile urology drain bags of plastics, designed to fit over a urology table extension, with a flap extension that provides sterile separation of the patient from the table surface and directs fluids into and through a filter at the top of an attached drain hose leading to a collection container (described in statistical reporting number 3926.90.9990)
(10) Ice bags of textile materials, for treating injuries or soresness, each refillable (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889)
(11) Identification wristbands of textile materials, each with a blank panel (described in statistical reporting number 6307.90.9889)
(12) Apparatus suitable for wearing on the wrist, having time-display functions, each article having an accelerometer and being capable of displaying and transmitting data sent to it by a network (e.g., portable ADP unit, LAN or cellular network) (described in statistical reporting number 8517.62.0090)"

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

a. by inserting “; or (3) heading 9903.88.44 and U.S. note 20(ww) to subchapter III of chapter 99” after “U.S. note 20(uu) to subchapter III of chapter 99”;

b. by deleting “except as provided in: (1) Heading 9903.88.39 and inserting “except as provided in: (1) Heading 9903.88.39” in lieu thereof; and

c. by deleting “heading 9903.88.44” and inserting “heading 9903.88.44,” in lieu thereof; and

d. by deleting “heading 9903.88.42,” and inserting “heading 9903.88.42,” in lieu thereof; and

e. by deleting “heading 9903.88.42,” and inserting “heading 9903.88.42,” in lieu thereof; and

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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2020–0010]

**Postponement of Field Hearings Regarding Trade Distorting Policies That May Be Affecting Seasonal and Perishable Products in U.S. Commerce**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Postponement of public hearings and extended deadline to submit comments.

**SUMMARY:** On March 10, 2020, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced that USTR and the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce would convene public hearings in Florida and Georgia to hear firsthand from interested persons on trade distorting policies that may be causing harm to U.S. seasonal and perishable producers. Consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s concerning COVID–19, USTR is postponing the public hearings and will announce rescheduled dates. USTR will continue to accept written comments.

**DATES:**

*Field Hearings:* The field hearings scheduled for April 7, 2020, in Plant City, Florida, and April 9, 2020, in Valdosta, Georgia are postponed and will be rescheduled at later date.