

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #15775;  
Massachusetts Disaster Number MA-00076]

**Declaration of Economic Injury;  
Administrative Declaration of an  
Economic Injury Disaster for the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business  
Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an  
Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)  
declaration for the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, dated 10/23/2018.

*Incident:* Natural Gas Line  
Explosions.

*Incident Period:* 09/13/2018.

**DATES:** Issued on 10/23/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan  
Application Deadline Date:* 07/23/2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan  
applications to: U.S. Small Business  
Administration, Processing and  
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport  
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A.  
Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance,  
U.S. Small Business Administration,  
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050,  
Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is  
hereby given that as a result of the  
Administrator's EIDL declaration,  
applications for economic injury  
disaster loans may be filed at the  
address listed above or other locally  
announced locations.

The following areas have been  
determined to be adversely affected by  
the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Essex

*Contiguous Counties:*

Massachusetts: Middlesex, Suffolk.

New Hampshire: Hillsborough,  
Rockingham.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.675
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster  
for economic injury is 157750.

The States which received an EIDL  
Declaration # are Massachusetts, New  
Hampshire.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  
Number 59008)

Dated: October 23, 2018.

**Linda E. McMahon,**  
*Administrator.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket Number USTR-2018-0036]

**Request for Comments on Negotiating  
Objectives for a U.S.-United Kingdom  
Trade Agreement**

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments and  
notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** On October 16, 2018, the  
United States Trade Representative  
notified Congress of the  
Administration's intention to enter into  
negotiations with the United Kingdom  
(UK) for a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement  
after the UK has exited the European  
Union on March 29, 2019. The Office of  
the United States Trade Representative  
(USTR) is seeking public comments on  
a proposed U.S.-UK Trade Agreement,  
including U.S. interests and priorities,  
in order to develop U.S. negotiating  
positions. You can provide comments in  
writing and orally at a public hearing.  
The Administration's aim in  
negotiations with the UK is to address  
both tariff and non-tariff barriers and to  
achieve free, fair, and reciprocal trade.

**DATES:** January 15, 2019: Deadline for  
the submission of written comments  
and for written notification of your  
intent to testify, as well as a summary  
of your testimony at the public hearing.  
January 29, 2019: The Trade Policy Staff  
Committee (TPSC) will hold a public  
hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the  
main hearing room of the United States  
International Trade Commission, 500 E  
Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit  
notifications of intent to testify and  
written comments through the Federal  
eRulemaking Portal: [https://  
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Follow the  
instructions for submitting comments in  
parts 2 and 3 below. For alternatives to  
on-line submissions, please contact  
Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
procedural questions concerning written  
comments, please contact Yvonne  
Jamison at (202) 395-3475. Direct all  
other questions to Timothy Wedding,  
Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade  
Representative for Europe, at (202) 395-  
6072.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**1. Background**

The decision to launch negotiations  
for a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement is an  
important step toward achieving free,  
fair, and reciprocal trade with the UK  
and was preceded by the establishment  
of the U.S.-UK Trade and Investment  
Working Group in July 2017. The  
Working Group was launched to  
provide commercial continuity for UK  
and U.S. businesses, workers, and  
consumers as the UK leaves the  
European Union, explore ways to  
strengthen trade and investment ties,  
and lay the groundwork for a potential  
future trade agreement with the UK.

On October 16, 2018, following  
consultations with relevant  
Congressional committees, the United  
States Trade Representative informed  
Congress that the President intends to  
commence negotiations with the UK for  
a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement.

**2. Public Comment and Hearing**

The TPSC invites interested parties to  
submit comments and/or oral testimony  
to assist USTR as it develops negotiating  
objectives and positions for the  
agreement, including with regard to  
objectives identified in section 102 of  
the Bipartisan Congressional Trade  
Priorities and Accountability Act of  
2015 (19 U.S.C. 4201). In particular, the  
TPSC invites interested parties to  
comment on issues including, but not  
limited to, the following:

- a. General and product-specific  
negotiating objectives for the proposed  
agreement.
- b. Relevant barriers to trade in goods  
and services between the U.S. and the  
UK that should be addressed in the  
negotiations.
- c. Economic costs and benefits to U.S.  
producers and consumers of removal or  
reduction of tariffs and removal or  
reduction of non-tariff barriers on  
articles traded with the UK.
- d. Treatment of specific goods  
(described by HTSUS numbers) under  
the proposed agreement, including  
comments on:
  - i. Product-specific import or export  
interests or barriers.
  - ii. Experience with particular  
measures that should be addressed in  
the negotiations.
  - iii. Ways to address export priorities  
and import sensitivities in the context of  
the proposed agreement.
- e. Customs and trade facilitation  
issues that should be addressed in the  
negotiations.
- f. Sanitary and phytosanitary  
measures and technical barriers to trade  
that should be addressed in the  
negotiations.

g. Other measures or practices that undermine fair market opportunities for U.S. businesses, workers, farmers, and ranchers that should be addressed in the negotiations.

USTR must receive written comments no later than Thursday, January 15, 2019. USTR requests that small businesses, generally defined by the Small Business Administration as firms with fewer than 500 employees, or organizations representing small business members, which submit comments to self-identify as such, so that we may be aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

The TPSC will hold a hearing on Thursday, January 29, 2019, in the Main Hearing Room at the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. If necessary, the hearing will continue on the next business day. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by January 15, 2019. The intent to testify notification must be made in the 'type comment' field under docket number USTR-2018-0036 on the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony. You should attach a summary of the testimony by using the 'upload file' field. The file name also should include who will be presenting the testimony. The TPSC will limit remarks at the hearing to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions.

### 3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to ensure the timely receipt and consideration of comments, USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website. Persons submitting a notification of intent to testify and/or written comments must do so in English and must identify (on the first page of the submission) the "U.S.-UK Trade Agreement."

To submit comments via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), enter docket number USTR-2018-0036 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 and click on the link entitled 'comment now!' For further information on using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on 'How to Use This Site' on the left side of the home page.

The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website allows users to provide comments by filling in a 'type comment' field, or by attaching a document using an 'upload

file' field. USTR prefers that you provide comments in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type 'see attached' in the 'type comment' field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the 'type comment' field.

For any comments submitted electronically containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters 'BC.' Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL on the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing business confidential information also must submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character 'P.' The 'BC' and 'P' should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments or reply comments. Filers submitting comments containing no business confidential information should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. 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.

As noted, USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You must make any alternative arrangements before transmitting a comment and in advance of the applicable deadline with Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475.

USTR will place comments in the docket for public inspection, except business confidential information. General information concerning USTR is available at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov).

#### Edward Gresser,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Recording of Aircraft Conveyances and Security Documents

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on October 9, 2018. The collection involves return to the Civil Aviation Aircraft Registry of information relating to the release of a lien that has been recorded with the Registry. Regulations provide for establishing and maintaining a system for the recording of security conveyances affecting title to, or interest in U.S. civil aircraft, as well as certain specifically identified engines, propellers, or spare parts locations, and for recording of releases relating to those conveyances. Federal Aviation Regulations establish procedures for implementation. Regulations describe what information must be contained in a security conveyance in order for it to be recorded with FAA. The convention on the International Recognition signatory, prevents, by treaty, the export of an aircraft and cancellation of its nationality marks if there is an outstanding lien recorded. The Civil Aviation Registry must have consent or release of lien from the lienholder prior to confirmation/cancellation for export.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by December 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.