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Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Survey of U.S. Chemical Industry to Ensure Compliance With the Provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Baker, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW, room 677, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information that will be collected by this survey is necessary to ensure that the U.S. is in compliance with certain provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The CWC

is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons. The CWC was signed by the U.S. in Paris on January 13, 1993, and was submitted by President Clinton to the U.S. Senate on November 23, 1993, for its advice and consent to ratification. The CWC prohibits, *inter alia*, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons.

II. Method of Collection

Written survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-xxxx.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$4,320.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration

[A-533-809]

Certain Forged Stainless Steel Flanges From India; Notice of Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of termination of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On March 19, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register (61 FR 11184) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain forged stainless steel flanges from India, covering the period February 1, 1995, through January 31, 1996, and one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Akai Impex Ltd. (Akai). This review has now been terminated as a result of the withdrawal of the request for administrative review by the interested party.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam or John Kugelman, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-2704 or 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 29, 1996, we received a request from Akai to conduct an administrative review pursuant to section 353.22(a) of the Department's regulations. No other interested party requested this review. On March 19, 1996, we published in the Federal Register (61 FR 11184) the notice of initiation of administrative review. On October 8, 1996, Akai withdrew its request for an administrative review.

Termination of Review

The Department's regulations, at 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5)(1994), state that "the Secretary may permit a party that requests a review under paragraph (a) of this section to withdraw the request not later than 90 days after the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. The Secretary may extend this time limit if the Secretary decides that it is reasonable to do so." No interested party other than Akai requested this review, and the review is

still at a relatively early stage. In light of these facts, completing this review would place an unnecessary burden on the parties and the Department. Therefore, we have determined that it is reasonable to allow Akai to withdraw its request for review. See *Steel Wire Rope From Japan; Partial Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 56 FR 41118 (August 19, 1991). Accordingly, the Department is terminating this review.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with Section 353.34(d) of the Department's regulations. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675) and 19 CFR 353.22(a)(5). Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 960924270-6270-01]

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Precision Measurement Grants

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is continuing a program of research grants, formally titled Precision Measurement Grants, to faculty members of U.S. universities or colleges for significant, primarily experimental research, in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants. Applicants must submit an abbreviated proposal for preliminary screening: Based on the merit of the abbreviated proposal, applicants will be advised whether a full proposal should be submitted.

DATES: Abbreviated proposals must be received at the address listed below no later than 5 p.m. EST on February 3, 1997. The semi-finalists will be notified of their status by March 24, 1997, and will be requested to submit their full proposals to NIST by 5 p.m. EDT on May 9, 1997. Selection of the awards will be made in August 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are requested to submit an abbreviated proposal (original and two (2) signed copies), using Standard Form 424 (Rev. 4/92) with a description of their proposed work of no more than five (5) double spaced pages. Standard Form 424A(4-92) and 424B(4-92) are also required. Copies should be sent to the following address: Dr. Barry N. Taylor, Chairman, NIST Precision Measurement Grants Committee, Building 245, Room C229, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the above address or call Dr. Taylor at (301) 975-4220. Prospective applicants with general questions may contact Dr. Taylor before preparing their abbreviated proposal. Specific inquiries as to the usefulness or merit of any particular project or other specific inquiries that deal with evaluation criteria can potentially impede the competitive selection process and, therefore, cannot be answered.

Administrative questions concerning the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program may be directed to the Grants Office at (301) 975-6329. Written inquiries should be forwarded to the following address: Grants Office, Acquisition and Assistance Division, Building 301, Room B129, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards; 11.609.

Authority: As authorized by Section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1901 as amended (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(2) and (c)(3)), NIST conduct, directly and supports through grants and cooperative agreements, a basic and applied research program in the general area of fundamental measurement and the determination of fundamental constants of nature. The annual budget for Precision Measurement Grants is approximately \$300,000. Because of the commitments for the support of multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new programs in any one year. The issuance of awards is contingent upon availability of

funding. As part of this research program, since 1970 NIST has awarded Precision Measurement Grants to faculty members of U.S. universities and colleges for significant, primarily experimental research in the field of fundamental measurement or the determination of fundamental constants.

Award Period: NIST is now accepting applications for two new grants in the amount of \$50,000 per year to be awarded for the period October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998 (fiscal year 1998). Each grant may be renewed for up to two additional years; however, future or continued funding will be at the discretion of NIST based on such factors as satisfactory performance and the availability of funds.

Program Description: NIST sponsors these grants to encourage basic, measurement-related research in U.S. universities and colleges and to foster contacts between NIST scientists and those faculty members of U.S. academic institutions who are actively engaged in such work. The Precision Measurement Grants are also intended to make it possible for such faculty members to pursue new, fundamental measurement ideas for which other sources of support may be difficult to find.

Matching Requirements: The Precision Measurement Grant Program does not involve the payment of any matching funds and does not directly affect any state or local government.

Research Topics: There is some latitude in the kind of research projects that will be considered for support under the Precision Measurement Grants Program. The key requirement is that they are consistent with NIST's mission in the field of basic measurement science, for example:

(1) Experimental and theoretical studies of fundamental physical phenomena which test the basic laws of physics or which may lead to new or improved fundamental measurement methods and standards.

(2) The determination of important fundamental physical constants.

(3) The development of new standards for physical measurement of the highest possible precision and accuracy.

In general, proposals for experimental research will be given preference over proposals for theoretical research because of the greater expense of experimental work. Proposals from workers at the assistant and associate professor level who have some record of accomplishment are especially encouraged in view of the comparative difficulty aspiring researchers have in obtaining funds.

Typical projects which have been funded through the NIST Precision Measurement Grants Program include: