

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0013.

Form Number: B-151, B-151A, B-151D, B-153, and B-153D.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Retail businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,700.

Estimated Time Per Response: .4142 hrs. (about 25 minutes).

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 9,817 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$134,002, based on an annual response burden of 9,817 hours and a rate of \$13.65 per hour to complete the form.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities**

BUREAU: International Trade Administration, Technology and Aerospace Industries, Office of Telecommunications.

TITLE: NATO International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Bidders List Application.

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 the 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 by April 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Alexis Kemper, Office of Telecommunications, Room 4323, Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 482-1512, fax (202) 482-5834.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Opportunities to bid for contracts under the NATO Security Investment Program (NSIP) are only open to firms of member NATO countries. NSIP procedures for international competitive bidding (AC/4-D/2261) require that each NATO country certify that their respective firms are eligible to bid such contracts. This is done through the issuance of a "Declaration of Eligibility." The U.S. Department of Commerce/ITA is the executive agency responsible for certifying U.S. firms. ITA-4023P is the application form used by USDOC/ITA to collect information needed to ascertain the eligibility of a U.S. firm. ITA reviews the application for completeness and accuracy and determines a company's eligibility based on its financial viability, technical capability, and security clearances with the Department of Defense.

II. Method of Collection

The Department of Commerce distributes Form ITA-4023P to potential applicants upon request. The applicant completes the form and then forwards it to the U.S. Department of Commerce/Office of Telecommunications for processing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0055.

Form Number: ITA-4023P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 60 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,000.

IV. Requested 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.

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Dated: February 5, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-821-803 and A-834-803]

Titanium Sponge From the Russian Federation and Republic of Kazakhstan: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending by 60 days the time limit of the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping finding on titanium sponge from the Russian Federation (A-821-803) and the Republic of Kazakhstan (A-834-803), covering the period

August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997, since it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Manning or Laurel LaCivita, Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Office Four, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3936 and 482-4740, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's regulations are to the current regulations as codified at 19 CFR 351.

Background

On September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50292), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping findings on titanium sponge from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan, covering the period August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997. In our notice of initiation, we stated our intention to issue the final results of these reviews no later than August 31, 1998. Due to the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by these reviews, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act), as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Postponement of Preliminary and Final Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the original time frame because of the complexity of the legal and methodological issues in these reviews.

Due to the 60 day extension, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of these reviews is now no later than July 3, 1998. The deadline for issuing the final results of these reviews will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Richard Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Rulings

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

ACTION: Notice of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed by Import Administration between October 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997. In conjunction with this list, the Department of Commerce is also publishing a list of pending requests for scope clarifications and anticircumvention inquiries. We intend to publish future lists within 30 days of the end of each quarter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald M. Trentham, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4793.

Background

The regulations of the Department of Commerce (the Department) (19 CFR 351.225(o)) provide that on a quarterly basis the Secretary will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings completed within the last three months.

This notice lists scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed by Import Administration, between October 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997, and pending scope clarification and anticircumvention inquiry requests.

The Department intends to publish in April 1998 a notice of scope rulings and anticircumvention inquiries completed between January 1, 1998, and March 31, 1998, as well as pending scope clarification and anticircumvention inquiry requests.

The following lists provide the country, case reference number, requester(s), and a brief description of either the ruling or product subject to the request.

I. SCOPE RULINGS COMPLETED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 and DECEMBER 31, 1997

Country: Italy

A-475-818 *Certain Pasta*

C-475-819 Shonfeld's (U.S.A.) Inc.—Multicolored pasta in decorative glass containers, which are sealed with cork or paraffin and bound with raffia, is outside the scope of the order. 8/25/97.

Country: People's Republic of China

A-570-832 *Pure Magnesium*

American Metallurgical Inc. (AMI)—Magnesium crystal granules having a maximum dimension (i.e., length or diameter) of less than one inch are included within the scope of the order. 11/14/97.

A-570-504 *Petroleum Wax Candles*

Meijer, Inc.—Three candles (Joy, Peace, flame) are within the scope of the order. Two candles (Noel, Happy Valentine's Day) are outside the scope of the order. 12/15/97.

Country: Japan

A-588-703 *Internal-Combustion Industrial Forklift Trucks*

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., and Nissan Forklift Corporation (collectively Nissan)—Model FO5-70 forklifts are not within the scope of the order. 10/14/97.

A-588-802 *3.5" Microdisks*

Maxell Corporation of America—Maxell's OSD325—Floptical Disk is outside the scope of the order. 11/21/97.

A-588-803 *Stainless Steel Bar*

Keystone Stainless Inc.—“Keystone 2000,” a speciality stainless steel bar product, is within the scope of the order. 10/15/97.

II. ANTICIRCUMVENTION RULINGS COMPLETED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1997 AND DECEMBER 31, 1997

None.