

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Export Administration****Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting**

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet March 6, 2001, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

**Agenda***Public Session*

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on pending regulations.
4. Discussion of deemed export rule/status of DEL process.
5. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives.

*Closed Session*

6. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS:3876, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW., U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 12, 2001, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to

public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For more information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**  
*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Export Administration****National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of Proposed Stockpile Sales of Palladium**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment on the potential market impact of a proposed increase in the disposal level of palladium from the National Defense Stockpile under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 Annual Materials Plan (AMP) and the proposed FY 2002 AMP.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee (co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State) is seeking public comments on the potential market impact of a proposed increase in the disposal of palladium from the National Defense Stockpile under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 Annual Materials Plan (AMP) and the proposed FY 2002 AMP.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by March 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Richard V. Meyers, Co-Chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Room 3876, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; FAX: (202) 482-5650; E-Mail: rmeyers@bxa.doc.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard V. Meyers, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S.

Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3634; or Terri L. Robl, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, U.S. Department of State, (202) 647-3423; co-chairs of the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended, (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), the Department of Defense (DOD), as National Defense Stockpile Manager, maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to "advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile \* \* \*." The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, Treasury, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The FY 1993 NDAA also directs the Committee to "consult from time to time with representatives of producers, processors and consumers of the types of materials stored in the stockpile."

The National Defense Stockpile Administrator has proposed revising both the current FY 2001 Annual Materials Plan (AMP) and the proposed FY 2002 AMP (both AMPs previously approved by Committee) to increase the disposal quantity of palladium from 300,000 tr. oz. to 600,000 tr. oz. The proposed increase will permit additional quantities of palladium to be sold at historically high prices for the material and will also provide a supply of the material into a world market currently experiencing a severe shortage. The Committee is seeking public comment on the potential market impact of this proposed increase.

The quantity of palladium (including the proposed increase) listed in both the FY 2001 and proposed FY 2002 AMPs are not sales target disposal quantities. They are only a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of the material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year. The quantity of

material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time of the offering as well as on the quantity of the material approved for disposal by Congress.

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the proposed increased disposal level of palladium. Although comments in response to this Notice must be received by March 22, 2001 to ensure full consideration by the Committee, interested parties are encouraged to submit comments and supporting information at any time thereafter to keep the Committee informed as to the market impact of the sale of palladium. Public comment is an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

Public comments received will be made available at the Department of Commerce for public inspection and copying. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public file. The Committee will seek to protect such information to the extent permitted by law.

The public record concerning this Notice will be maintained in the Bureau of Export Administration's Records Inspection Facility, Room 4525, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-5653. The records in this facility may be inspected and copied in accordance with the regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained from Ms. Dawnielle Battle, the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

**Matthew S. Borman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Request for Information Regarding Deceased Debtor; DD Form 2840; OMB Number 0730-[To Be Determined]

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 10,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 833.

*Needs and Uses:* Defense Finance and Accounting Service maintains updated debt accounts and initiates debt collection action for separated military members, out-of-service civilian employees, and other individuals not on an active federal government payroll system. When notice is received that an individual debtor is deceased, an effort is made to ascertain whether the decedent left an estate by contacting clerks of probate courts. If it is determined that an estate was established, attempts are made to collect the debt from the estate. If no estate appears to have been established, the debt is written off as uncollectable. This form is used to obtain information on deceased debtors from probate courts.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR,

1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Forms, and OMB Number:* Dependency Statements—Parent, Child Born Out of Wedlock, Incapacitated Child Over Age 21, Full Time Student 21-22 Years of Age, and Ward of a Court; DD Forms 137-3, 137-4, 137-5, 137-6, 137-7; OMB Number 0730-[To Be Determined].

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 19,440.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 19,440.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1.25 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 24,300.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependent rate, travel allowance, or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card. Information regarding a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student 21-22, or a ward of a court is provided by the military member or by another individual who may be a member of the public. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide at least one-half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Vol. 7A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreases the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.