Scientific and Technological Development, Canadian Ministry of Treasury and Economics, Delegation of the European Communities, Department of State and Regional Development (Australia), Department of Technology Policy (Australia), European Commission’s Joint Research Center, French Embassy, French Federal Institute of Research, Embassy of Finland, Embassy of Germany, Hungarian Academy of Sciences., Industry Canada, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (Madrid), National Technology Agency of Finland, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Puerto Rico Planning Board, Office of the Representative of the Republic of Taiwan, Statistics Canada, and Statistics Quebec.

Business Users

Although the primary purpose of the survey is to provide accurate R&D statistics for well-informed public policy decisions, business users also benefit from the survey figures, and one of the goals of the redesign is to increase the utility of the information for companies. There is a special obligation to keep the survey relevant to industry users particularly because business personnel spend time answering the annual questionnaire. Firms and trade associations in all industries, whether large or small in terms of R&D performance, are interested in making intra-industry comparisons, as well as comparing other industries’ performance with their own.

Each year the NSF and Census Bureau receive many requests for R&D information from business users. Some of the industries where users who have requested information are aerospace, telecommunications, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, software, and motor vehicles.

In addition to industry researchers who utilize the R&D statistics directly from the NSF Web site and publications, there are many who use the Survey’s tabulations in their own trade reports. Other trade publications that regularly print statistics directly from the Survey include multiple Fortune 500 companies and various trade associations.

Unions also consider business R&D statistics relevant to their members’ well-being. R&D statistics also are used by research organizations devoted to the study of industry, R&D, science and technology and related topics.

Other Users

Research undertaken at universities on innovation and economic growth has relied heavily on the detailed R&D time series from the Survey. Research projects that have used R&D statistics obtained from the Survey have been conducted at many colleges and universities.

In addition, inquiries are regularly received from the news media. And finally, Internet sites continue to link with the Survey’s results.

In summary, each item in the Survey has been the subject of research by someone interested in business R&D performance. Although the consumers of the R&D statistics from the Survey are diverse, there is one common element underlying all the uses of the survey statistics—an attempt to gain a better understanding of some aspect of the nation’s scientific and technological resources. The detailed statistics provided by the Survey are the most complete set of elements for assessing the impact of R&D on business development and the nation’s economy.

The total burden estimate for the 2014 BRDIS has increased due to an increase in amount of companies that are receiving the longer Form BRDI–1 from 3,000 to 7,000. The increase in the number of companies receiving form BRDI–1 is the result of lowering the R&D threshold for receiving the longer form from $7 million to $1 million. At the same time the burden on companies receiving the shorter form has been reduced. Prior to 2012 the shorter form (then called Form BRDI–1A) was 32 pages (168 response fields). The current shorter form (Form BRD–1S) is 8 pages (61 response fields).

The increase in burden also reflects a slight increase in the total number of companies in the sample from the prior OMB submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224 and 225; NSF Act of 1950.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: April 17, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[8–22–2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 134—Chattanooga, Tennessee: Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Cormetech, Inc. (Selective Catalyst Reduction Catalysts), Cleveland, TN

Cormetech, Inc. (Cormetech), an operator of FTZ 134, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Cleveland, Tennessee. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on April 1, 2015.

A separate request for subzone designation at the Cormetech facility is planned and will be processed under Section 400.31 of the FTZ Board’s regulations. The facility is used for the production of selective catalyst reduction catalysts and related elements (logs), which are used for emissions reduction in power generation, industrial, marine and petrochemical applications. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Cormetech from customs duty payments on the foreign status materials and components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Cormetech would be able to choose the duty rate during customs entry procedures that applies to selective catalyst reduction catalysts and related elements (free) for the foreign status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Anatase titanium dioxide; glass fiber; clay; carboxyl methyl cellulose; polypropylene (RP chrop); polyethylene oxide (PEO); ammonium metavanadate (AMT); hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (methocel); manganese acetate; vanadyl oxalate; ammonium heptamolybdate (AHM); pressing/lubricating agents; ammonium polyvanadate; and, honeycomb ceramic porcelain (duty rate ranges from free to 6.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The
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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–23–2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 93—Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Cormetech, Inc. (Selective Catalyst Reduction Catalysts), Durham, North Carolina

The Triangle J Council of Governments, grantee of FTZ 93, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Cormetech, Inc., located in Durham, North Carolina. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on April 9, 2015.

A separate request for subzone designation at the Cormetech facility is planned and will be processed under Section 400.31 of the FTZ Board’s regulations. The facility is used for the production of selective catalyst reduction catalysts and related elements (logs), which are used for emissions reduction in power generation, industrial, marine and petrochemical applications. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

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Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 2, 2015.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section on the FTZ Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information contact: Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov or (202) 482–1378.


Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[S–21–2015]

Approval of Subzone Status; Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc., Red Wing, Minnesota

On February 20, 2015, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board docketed an application submitted by the Greater Metropolitan Area Foreign Trade Commission, grantee of FTZ 119, requesting subzone status subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 119 on behalf of Red Wing Shoe Company, Inc., in Red Wing, Minnesota.

The application was processed in accordance with the FTZ Act and Regulations, including notice in the Federal Register inviting public comment (80 FR 10456, February 26, 2015). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board’s Executive Secretary (15 CFR 400.36(f)), the application to establish Subzone 119K is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to FTZ 119’s 2,000-acre activation limit.


Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–552–812]


AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is rescinding the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (“Vietnam”) for the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

DATES: Effective Date: April 23, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Gorelik, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–6905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
