DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Form ED–840P

Petition by a Firm for Certification of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance; Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 16, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Miriam Kearse, Lead Program Analyst, Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482–3963, facsimile (202) 482–2883 (or via the Internet at mkearse@eda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

EDA administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF) Program, which is authorized under chapters 3 and 5 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.) (Trade Act), and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–27) which reauthorized the program, through a national network of non-profit and university-affiliated Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs), each of which serves a different geographic service region. EDA certifies firms as eligible to participate in the TAAF Program and provides funding to allow eligible client-firms to receive adjustment assistance through the TAACs. The information collected on Form ED–840P and relevant supporting documentation is used to determine if a firm is eligible to participate in the program. In accordance with the Trade Act and EDA’s regulations as set out at 13 CFR part 315, EDA must verify that the following have occurred: (1) A significant reduction in the number or proportion of the workers in the firm, a reduction in the workers’ wage or work hours, or an imminent threat of such reductions; (2) sales or production of the firm have decreased absolutely, as defined in EDA’s regulations, or sales or production, or both, of any article or service accounting for at least 25 percent of the firm’s sales or production has decreased absolutely; and (3) an increase in imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with those produced or provided by the petitioning firm, which has contributed importantly to the decline in employment and sales or production of that firm. Additionally, the firm must demonstrate that its customers have reduced purchases from the firm in favor of buying items or services from foreign suppliers. The use of the form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the certification process and eases the burden on applicants and reviewers alike.

In addition, after being determined eligible for TAAF Program assistance using Form ED–840P, firms must create an EDA-approved adjustment proposal, which is each firm’s business plan to remain viable in the current global economy, in order to receive financial assistance under the TAAF Program. Each adjustment proposal must meet certain requirements as set out in the Trade Act and EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR 315.6. This notice also includes an estimate for adjustment proposals.

II. Method of Collection

Form ED–840P may be obtained in Portable Document Format (PDF) from EDA or the TAACs upon request. TAACs are responsible for preparing the application on the firm’s behalf. Although there is no form associated with adjustment proposals, they must meet the requirements for adjustment proposals set out in EDA’s regulation at 13 CFR 315.16. Both petitions for certification on Form ED–840P and adjustment proposals may be submitted via email to taac@eda.gov or in hard copy to EDA at Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 71030, Washington DC 20230.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0610–0091. Form Number(s): ED–840P.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800 (500 petitions for certification and 300 adjustment proposals).

Estimated Time per Response: 128.2 hours (8.2 for petitions for certification and 120 for adjustment proposals).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40,100 (4,100 for petitions for certification and 36,000 for adjustment proposals).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $1,664,000 ($179,550 for petitions for certification and $1,485,000 for adjustment proposals).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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: March 14, 2016.

Glenna Mickelson, Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 2016–06035 Filed 3–16–16; 8:45 am]
DATES: Effective Date: March 17, 2016.
SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby publishes a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made between July 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015, inclusive. We intend to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
The Department’s regulations provide that the Secretary will publish in the Federal Register a list of scope rulings on a quarterly basis.1 Our most recent notification of scope rulings was published on September 23, 2015.2 This current notice covers all scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made by Enforcement and Compliance between July 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015, inclusive. Subsequent lists will follow after the close of each calendar quarter.

Scope Rulings Made Between July 1, 2015 and September 31, 2015

Mexico

A–201–805: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico

Requestor: Maquilacero, S.A. de C.V. (Maquilacero); Maquilacero’s black pipe manufactured to the ASTM A−513 specification is within the scope of the order, as it does not meet the exclusion for mechanical tubing set forth in the Order; July 27, 2015.

A–201–805: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico

Requestor: Perfiles y Herrajes LM, S.A. de C.V. (Profiles); Perfiles’ black pipe manufactured to the ASTM A−513 specification meets the exclusion for mechanical tubing set forth in the Order and is, therefore, outside the scope of the order; August 19, 2015.

Japan

A–588–845: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan

Requestor: American BOA, Inc. (ABI); ABI’s precision strip products are within the scope of the order because they possess all of the essential physical characteristics of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in coils; July 22, 2015.

People’s Republic of China

A–570–967 and C–570–968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People’s Republic of China

Requestor: Agilent Technologies, Inc. (Agilent); Agilent’s Foreline Hose Assembly is excluded from the scope because (a) when assembled, it represents finished merchandise fully and permanently completed and assembled containing aluminum extrusions as well as non-extruded aluminum components; and (b) when unassembled, it is a finished goods kit, imported as a combination of all necessary parts to assemble a finished good, and requires no further finishing or fabrication after importation; August 27, 2015.

A–570–967 and C–570–968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People’s Republic of China

Requestor: Rubbermaid Commercial Products LLC (Rubbermaid); Rubbermaid’s 13 product models, which fall into three categories of floor cleaning products: Quick-Connect frames, Quick-Connect handles, and mopping kits, are excluded from the AD and CVD scope pursuant to the CIT’s remand order in Rubbermaid Commercial Products LLC v. United States, Court No. 11–00463, Slip Op. 14–113 (CIT September 23, 2014) (Rubbermaid I). Specifically, on remand, the Department found that Rubbermaid’s quick-connect frames and quick-connect handles meet the description of excluded finished merchandise, and that its mopping kits meet the description of excluded finished goods kits; see Aluminum Extrusions From the People’s Republic of China: Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Scope Ruling and Notice of Amended Final Scope Ruling Pursuant to Court Decision, 80 FR 51535; August 25, 2015.

A–570–967 and C–570–968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People’s Republic of China

Requestor: GreenHome Wood Co., Ltd.; GreenHome’s two-layer wood flooring is not within the scope because it lacks two or more layers of plies of wood veneer(s) in combination with a core; August 6, 2015.

A–570–832: Pure Magnesium From the People’s Republic of China

Requestor: Dead Sea Magnesium Ltd. (“DSM”); DSM’s patented magnesium alloys are subject to the order on Pure Magnesium from the People’s Republic of China because they contain 50 percent or greater, but less than 99.8 percent primary magnesium, by weight, and do not conform to ASTM specifications for alloy magnesium. DSM’s magnesium alloys are not subject to the order on Magnesium Metal from the People’s Republic of China; July 16, 2015.

Republic of Korea

A–580–834 and A–580–835: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Republic of Korea

Requestor: American BOA, Inc. (ABI); ABI’s precision strip products are within the scope of the order because they possess all of the essential physical characteristics of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in coils; July 22, 2015.

1 See 19 CFR 351.225(o).
2 See Notice of Scope Rulings, 80 FR 57339 (September 23, 2015).
Taiwan
A–583–831: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Taiwan

Requestor: American BOA, Inc. (ABI); ABI’s precision strip products are within the scope of the order because they possess all of the essential physical characteristics of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in coils; July 22, 2015.

Anticircumvention Determinations Made Between July 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015
United Arab Emirates
A–520–803: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From the United Arab Emirates

Requestor: Polyplex USA LLC and Flex USA Inc.; PET film produced in Bahrain by JBF Bahrain from inputs (PET chips and silica chips) manufactured in the United Arab Emirates, and that is subsequently exported from Bahrain to the United States undergoes a process of completion or assembly that is not minor or insignificant and, therefore, should not be included within the scope of the order.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this list of completed scope and anticircumvention inquiries. Any comments should be submitted to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., APO/Dockets Unit, Room 1870, Washington, DC 20230.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(o).

Dated: March 11, 2016.

Christian Marsh,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (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: International Dolphin Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0387.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Emergency revision of a currently approved information collection. Per the Paperwork Reduction Act regulations, 5 CFR 1320.13, we believe that use of this emergency process is essential to the mission of the agency. NOAA finds good cause to issue this interim final rule without advance notice in a proposed rule, and to make the rule effective immediately without providing a 30-day delay, because the limited time available to the United States to come into compliance with its World Trade Organization obligations makes advance notice and comment or delaying the effectiveness contrary to the public interest. Furthermore, because this interim final rule involves a foreign affairs function of the United States, the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553, are not applicable. However, NMFS will consider public comments on this interim final rule and issue a final rule.

Number of Respondents: 144.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: This change would add an additional 130 responses per year at 30 minutes per response, or 65 hours, to the currently approve burden of 183 hours.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for comments on the proposed revision of OMB Control No. 0648–0387, in conjunction with Interim Final Rule 0648–BF73. The information collection currently approved under OMB Control No. 0648–0387 was developed to implement the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (Act). The Act allows entry of yellowfin tuna into the United States (U.S.), under specific conditions, from nations in the International Dolphin Conservation Program that would otherwise be under embargo. The Act also allows U.S. fishing vessels to participate in the yellowfin tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean on terms equivalent with the vessels of other nations. NOAA collects information to allow tracking and verification of dolphin-safe and non-dolphin-safe tuna products from catch through the U.S. market.

This revision will add the requirement that, for a fishing trip that begins on or after 60 days of the Interim Final Rule publishing date, related information may be selected for audit (at random or as a result of screening/ targeting), and thus there may be a burden on the importer of record to locate and provide copies of supporting documentation. In some instances, NMFS may be able to complete an audit (verify the information about the harvest event and chain-of-custody) based on the information submitted via the Customs and Border Protection ACE portal. In other instances, NMFS may contact the importer of record to provide supporting documentation to corroborate the information submitted via the ACE portal.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at 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 10 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: March 11, 2016.

Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE500
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Tilefish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., to view the agenda, see supplementary information.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302)