DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments 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 PRAComments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Erica M. Filipek, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD, CENHQ Room 7K057, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763–5161 (or via the internet at Erica.Mary.Filipek@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of a currently approved collection of the Form C–411, Survey of Residential Building or Zoning Permit Systems. The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy.

The Census Bureau uses the Form C–411 to obtain information needed to update the universe of permit-issuing places from state and local building and zoning officials. Questions on the form pertain to the legal requirements for issuing building or zoning permits in the local jurisdictions. Information is obtained on such items as geographic coverage and types of construction for which permits are issued.

The universe of permit-issuing places is the sampling frame for the Building Permits Survey (BPS) and the Survey of Construction (SOC). These two sample surveys provide widely used measures of construction activity, including the monthly Principal Federal Economic Indicators Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits and Housing Starts.

II. Method of Collection

One of three variants of the Form C–411 is sent to a jurisdiction when the Census Bureau has reason to believe that a new permit system has been established or an existing one has changed, based on information the Census Bureau obtains from a variety of sources including survey respondents and regional planning councils. Staff in the Census Bureau’s Geography Division also monitor changes in corporate status, which indicates if a place is incorporated. Responses rates for the Form C–411 typically approach 85 percent. There are three versions of the form:

• C–411(V) for verification of coverage for jurisdictions with existing permit systems
• C–411(M) for municipalities where a new permit system may have been established
• C–411(C) for counties where new permit systems may have been established.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0350.

Form Number: C–411(V), C–411(M), and C–411(C).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State and Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0. (Per OMB requirements, this cost does not measure respondents’ time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182.

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.

Sheleen Dumas, Departmental PRA Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[8–78–2017]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 41—Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; AFE, Inc. (Monitors/Displays/Televisions); Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin

The Port of Milwaukee, grantee of FTZ 41, submitted a notification of
proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of AFE, Inc., located in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin. The notification confirming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on November 30, 2017. The applicant has submitted a separate application for subzone designation at AFE, Inc.’s facility under 15 CFR 400.38. The facility would be used to produce whiteboard monitors/interactive displays and televisions with and without tuners. 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 AFE, Inc., from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, the company would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to whiteboard monitors/interactive displays, tuner-free televisions, and televisions with tuners (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.9%). The company would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Printed wire boards (PWBs) for monitors; PWBs for keyboards; infrared light detecting units for remote controllers; open cell liquid crystal displays (LCDs); monitor chassis components and assemblies of plastic and metal; stainless steel screws; reflector sheets; lens sheets; diffusion sheets; light emitting diode (LED) wires; PWBs for LEDs; plastic tapes; bezels; LCD modules; rear cover cable assemblies; power supply and drive units; power cables; LCD control cables; Wi-Fi cables; keyboard cables; speakers; A/C cords; remote controls; flexible flat cable for printed wire boards; AAA batteries; Wi-Fi units; plastic labels; TV stands and stand support brackets; plastic bags; printed setup guides; plastic cable clamps; molded paper packaging; paper packaging; cardboard cartons; plastic packaging; printed instructions; self-tapping screws; wire holders of plastic; plastic spacers; plastic insulator for coolers; keyboard cover assemblies; wooden pallets; PWBs for tuners; TV rearboards; open cell LCDs for tuner TVs; monitor chassis components and assemblies of plastic and metal for tuner TVs; reflector sheets for tuner TVs; lens sheets for tuner TVs; diffusion sheets for tuner TVs; bezels for tuner TVs; LCD modules for tuner TVs; rear cover cable assemblies for tuner TVs; and, stands for tuner TVs (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 10.7%). Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 29, 2018.

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 of the Board’s website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Christopher Wedderburn at Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov or (202) 482–1963.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–583–853]
Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From Taiwan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016–2017
AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.
SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products (solar products) from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is January 1, 2016, through January 31, 2017. This administrative review covers 11 exporters of the subject merchandise, including one mandatory respondent, Motech Industries, Inc. (Motech). The Department preliminarily determines that Motech made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the POR. Additionally, we are rescinding this administrative review with respect to 23 companies that timely withdrew their requests for administrative review. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariela Garvey or Thomas Martin, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3609 or (202) 482–3936, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background
On February 8, 2017, the Department notified interested parties of the opportunity to request an administrative review of orders, findings, or suspended investigations with anniversaries in February 2017, including the antidumping duty order on solar products from Taiwan.1 On February 28, 2017, SolarWorld Americas Inc. (the petitioner), as well as various exporters and importers, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of certain exporters covering the POR. On April 10, 2017, the Department published a notice initiating an AD administrative review of solar products from Taiwan covering 34 companies for the POR.2

In the Initiation Notice, the Department stated that if it limited the number of respondents for individual examination, it intended to select respondents based on volume data contained in responses to its quantity and value (Q&V) questionnaire.3 On April 10, 2017, the Department issued Q&V questionnaires to all 11 companies that appeared in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for import and merchandise value.4 We received Q&V questionnaire responses from 11 companies5 named in the Initiation Notice.

1 See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review, 82 FR 9709 (February 8, 2017).
3 Id. at 17189.
4 The Department explained in the Initiation Notice that the units used to measure the imported quantities of solar cells and solar modules in the CBP data are in “piece” units, and it would not be meaningful to sum the number of imported solar cells and the number of imported solar modules in attempting to determine the largest Taiwan exporters of subject merchandise by volume. Id. Therefore, the Department stated that it would limit the number of Q&V questionnaires issued based on the import values in CBP data. Id.
5 The 11 companies that submitted a Q&V questionnaire response include: AU Optronics