2831. We also noted, at that time, our intent to use this intervening period to commission research studies or otherwise garner additional information aimed at better elucidating the number of wheelchair users for whom a transfer surface positioned at a height less than 19 inches would likely provide improved access relative to higher transfer surfaces. Id. Informed by this additional information, the Access Board intends to initiate rulemaking—before the end of the sunset period—to revise the existing provisions in the MDE Standards that specify minimum height ranges for the low transfer position on medical diagnostic equipment. Id.

B. Wheelchair Seat Height Survey

The Access Board is authorized under section 510 of the Rehabilitation Act to develop (and periodically revise, as needed) minimum technical criteria for accessible medical diagnostic equipment used in healthcare settings. See 29 U.S.C. 794f. More generally, section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act also tasks the agency with promoting accessibility throughout society, as well as investigating and examining accessibility barriers confronting Americans with disabilities. Id. §§ 792(b)(4) & (b)(5).

In keeping with its statutory responsibilities under the Rehabilitation Act, the Access Board intends to conduct a national survey of adult wheelchair users to gather data on the seat height of their respective wheelchairs, as well as related demographic information. Data from this survey will be used to help inform the Board’s subsequent rulemaking to update the MDE Standards through establishment of a minimum low transfer height position for medical diagnostic equipment. Additionally, the data and other information garnered from this survey will give the agency a better understanding of the adult, wheelchair-using population in the United States, and, thereby, aid our efforts to promote accessibility throughout American society and provide leadership in accessible design. To our knowledge, no published research or statistical compilations exist that examine adult wheelchair users’ respective seat heights on a nationally-representative basis. The Access Board’s wheelchair seat height survey aims to address this knowledge and statistical gap.

The Access Board has contracted with the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDeA Center) at the State University of New York at Buffalo to administer this wheelchair seat height survey and analyze the resulting data. The survey instrument is designed to capture the compressed seat height of each respondent’s wheelchair, as well as basic demographic information about each respondent (e.g., age, gender, geographic location, wheelchair type, nature of disability). The IDeA Center will use the results from this survey to, among other things, complete a cross-sectional study designed to estimate the prevalence of wheelchair users in the United States with seat heights below 19 inches.

The survey instrument will be distributed primarily via electronic mail, with an embedded link to a web-based survey. (Email and/or regular mail will be used to follow-up with individuals who have not completed the survey.) Targeted field studies may also be employed, as needed, to supplement the pool of survey respondents. Electronic invitations to participate in the survey will be sent to approximately 20,000 self-identified wheelchair users around the country using email addresses from a commercial database. Participation in the survey will be completely voluntary, and individuals may complete the survey at their own convenience. All survey responses will be anonymous.

C. Burden Estimates

The Access Board estimates that it will take respondents approximately 15 minutes to complete the brief, one-time survey instrument. This estimate includes the need for reviewing survey instructions, locating a measuring device and helper/assistant, measuring seat height, and completing the survey instrument. We project that about 2,000 individuals will submit responses to this survey. Total estimated annual burden hours for this survey is, therefore, 500 hours (.25 hours × 2,000).

D. Request for Comments

The Access Board seeks comment on any aspect of its proposed wheelchair seat height survey, including: (a) The necessity of this survey to the Access Board’s performance; (b) the accuracy of our burden estimates; (c) methods of minimizing this burden without reducing the quality of the collected data; and (d) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, or clarity of the survey instrument. All relevant comments submitted to the Access Board will be summarized and included in our request for OMB approval of this information collection, as required under the PRA.

David M. Capozzi,
Executive Director.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: July 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m. EDT.


STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will convene a public meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. EDT in Washington, DC, at the CSB offices located at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 910. The Board will discuss open investigations, the status of audits from the Office of the Inspector General, financial and organizational updates, and a review of the agency’s action plan. New business will include the release of the 2018–2021 Human Capital Plan.

Additional Information

The meeting is free and open to the public. If you require a translator or interpreter, please notify the individual listed below as the CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, at least three business days prior to the meeting.

A conference call line will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. Please use the following dial-in number to join the conference:

Dial-In: (888) 862–6557
Confirmation Number: 47179969

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating incidents and hazards that result, or may result, in the catastrophic release of extremely hazardous substances. The agency’s Board Members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents and hazards, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

Public Comment

The time provided for public statements will depend upon the number of people who wish to speak. Speakers should assume that their
presentations will be limited to three minutes or less, but commenters may submit written statements for the record.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Amy McCormick Driver, at public@csb.gov or (202) 261–7630. Further information about this public meeting can be found on the CSB website at: www.csb.gov.

Dated: June 22, 2018.
Raymond Porfiri,
Deputy General Counsel, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

SUMMARY:
On April 6, 2018, the Department of Commerce Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration renewed the charter for the United States Investment Advisory Council (Council) for a two-year period, ending April 5, 2020. The Council is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: All applications for immediate consideration for appointment must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday, July 27, 2018. After that date, applications will be accepted under this notice for a period of up to two years from the deadline to fill any vacancies that may arise.

ADDRESS: Please submit applications by email to IAC@trade.gov, attention: Steven Meyers, SelectUSA, United States Investment Advisory Council Executive Secretariat, or by mail to Steven Meyers, SelectUSA, United States Investment Advisory Council, Room 30032, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Meyers, Designated Federal Officer, SelectUSA, Room 30032, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202–482–2612, email: IAC@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Investment Advisory Council (Council) was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) pursuant to duties imposed by 15 U.S.C. 1512 upon the Department and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

The Council functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of FACA. In particular, the Council advises the Secretary on government policies and programs that affect foreign direct investment (FDI), identifies and recommends programs and policies to help the United States attract and retain FDI, and recommends ways to support the United States in remaining the world’s preeminent destination for FDI. The Council acts as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership and provides a forum for the stakeholders on current and emerging issues regarding FDI.

The Council reports to the Secretary of Commerce on its activities and recommendations regarding FDI. In creating its reports, the Council is to survey and evaluate the investment and investment-facilitating activities of stakeholders, identify and examine specific problems facing potential foreign investors, and examine the needs of stakeholders to inform the Council’s efforts. The Council is to recommend specific solutions to the problems and needs that it identifies.

Members are to represent a broad range of products and services and be drawn from large, medium, and small enterprises, private-sector organizations involved in investment, and other investment-related entities including non-governmental organizations, associations, and economic development organizations.

In selecting members, priority may be given to the selection of executives, i.e., Chief Executive Officer, Executive Chairman, President, or an officer with a comparable level of responsibility. Members serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their sponsoring entity and those of their particular sector (if applicable). Members are not special government employees and will receive no compensation for their participation in Council activities. Members will not be reimbursed for travel expenses related to Council activities. Appointments to the Council shall be made without regard to political affiliation. All members must be a U.S. national.

The Secretary designates a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members. The Council will meet a minimum of two times a year, to the extent practical, with additional meetings called at the discretion of the Secretary or his/her designee. Meetings will be held in Washington, DC or elsewhere in the United States, or by teleconference, as feasible. Members are expected to attend a majority of Council meetings.

To be considered for membership, submit the following information by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 27, 2018 to the email address listed in the ADDRESS section:
1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on the sponsoring entity’s letterhead containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Council. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant’s experience and leadership related to foreign direct investment.
3. The applicant’s personal resume and short bio (less than 300 words).
4. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria, including an affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.