

Description of Respondents:
Commercial growers and importers,
Foreign Governments.

Number of Respondents: 52
Frequency of Responses: Reporting on
occasion, and recordkeeping.
Total Burden Hours: 1,507.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Apples from
China.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0423.

Summary of Collection: Under the
Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701, *et
seq.*) the Secretary of Agriculture is
authorized to prohibit or restrict the
importation, entry, or movement of
plants and plant pests to prevent the
introduction into the United States or
their dissemination within the United
States. The regulations in "Subpart—
Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56)
prohibit or restrict the importation of
fruits and vegetables into the United
States from certain parts of the world to
prevent the introduction and
dissemination of plant pests that are
new to or not widely distributed within
the United States.

Need and Use of the Information:
APHIS uses the following information
collection activities to prevent the
spread of fruit flies and other plant pests
from entering into the United States:
Operational workplan, production site,
and packinghouse registrations, tracking
system, box labeling, phytosanitary
certificates with declarations,
inspections, investigation for detection,
handling procedures, and emergency
action notification. Failing to collect
this information would cripple APHIS'
ability to ensure that apples from China
are not carrying plant pests.

Description of Respondents: Business
or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 186.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
On occasion; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 1,117.

Ruth Brown,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2019; Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2019; Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2019

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative
Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice helps to improve
applicants' awareness of the Guarantee
Fee rates for Guaranteed Loans for fiscal
year (FY) 2019, the Maximum Portion of
Guarantee Authority Available for FY
2019, and the Annual Renewal Fee for
FY 2019 when applying for guaranteed
loans under the Business and Industry
(B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

The Agency has the authority to
charge a guarantee fee and an annual
renewal fee for loans made under the
B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant
to that authority, and subject to the
Continuing Resolution, the Agency is
establishing an initial guarantee fee rate
of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee
rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I
Guaranteed Loan Program.

The initial guarantee fee is paid at the
time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued.
The annual renewal fee is paid by the
lender to the Agency once a year.
Payment of the annual renewal fee is
required in order to maintain the
enforceability of the guarantee.
Additionally, the Agency will require
the borrower to have an active System
for Award Management (SAM)
registration prior to obligation and
maintain the active registration until all
funds are disbursed.

DATES: *Applicability date:* September
26, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Development, Business Programs,
Business and Industry Division, STOP
3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW,
Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone
(202) 720-1970, email [tanner.hinkel@
wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tanner.hinkel@wdc.usda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As set
forth in 7 CFR 4279.120, the Agency has
the authority to charge an initial
guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee
for loans made under the B&I
Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to
that authority, and subject to the
Continuing Resolution, the Agency is
establishing an initial guarantee fee rate
of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee
rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I
Guaranteed Loan Program. Unless
precluded by a subsequent FY 2019
appropriation, these rates will apply to
all loans obligated in FY 2019 that are
made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan
Program. As established in 7 CFR
4279.120(b)(1), the amount of the
annual fee on each guaranteed loan will
be determined by multiplying the
annual fee rate by the outstanding
principal loan balance as of December
31, multiplied by the percentage of
guarantee.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120(a) and
4279.119(b), each fiscal year, the
Agency shall establish a limit on the
maximum portion of B&I guarantee
authority available for that fiscal year
that may be used to guarantee loans
with a reduced guarantee fee or
guaranteed loans with an increased
percentage of guarantee. The Agency
has established that not more than 12
percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I
guarantee authority will be reserved for
loan guarantee requests with a reduced
fee, and not more than 15 percent of the
Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee
authority will be reserved for
guaranteed loan requests with an
increased percentage of guarantee. Once
the respective limits are reached, all
additional loans will be at the standard
fee and guarantee limits.

Allowing a reduced guarantee fee or
increased percentage of guarantee on
certain B&I guaranteed loans that meet
the conditions set forth in 7 CFR
4279.120 and 4279.119 will increase the
Agency's ability to focus guarantee
assistance on projects that the Agency
has found particularly meritorious.
Subject to annual limits set by the
Agency in this notice, the Agency may
charge a reduced guarantee fee if
requested by the lender for loans of \$5
million or less when the borrower's
business supports value-added
agriculture and results in farmers
benefitting financially, promotes access
to healthy foods, or is a high impact
business development investment
located in a rural community that is
experiencing long-term population
decline; has remained in poverty for the
last 30 years; is experiencing trauma as
a result of natural disaster; is located in
a city or county with an unemployment
rate 125 percent of the statewide rate or
greater; or is located within the
boundaries of a federally recognized
Indian tribe's reservation or within
tribal trust lands or within land owned
by an Alaska Native Regional or Village
Corporation as defined by the Alaska
Native Claims Settlement Act. Subject to
annual limits set by the Agency in this
notice, the Agency may allow increased
percentages of guarantee for high-
priority projects or loans where the
lender needs the increased percentage of
guarantee due to its legal or regulatory
lending limit.

As set forth in 2 CFR 25.200(b), each
entity that applies and does not have an
exemption under 2 CFR 25.110 must be
registered in the SAM prior to
submitting an application or plan,
maintain an active SAM registration
with current information at all times
during which it has an active Federal
award or an application or plan under

consideration by the Agency, and provide its unique entity identifier in each application or plan it submits to the Agency.

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(1) *Mail*: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20250-9410;

(2) *Fax*: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) *Email*: program.intake@usda.gov.

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Dated: September 10, 2018.

Bette B. Brand,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-35-2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ)126—Reno, Nevada; Authorization of Production Activity; Tesla, Inc. (Lithium-Ion Batteries, Electric Motors, and Stationary Energy Storage Systems); Sparks and McCarran, Nevada

On May 23, 2018, Tesla, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 126D, in Sparks and McCarran, Nevada.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 25428, June 1, 2018). On September 20, 2018, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: September 20, 2018.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-985]

Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this first sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, at the level indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable September 26, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magd Zalok or Howard Smith, 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) 482-4162 or (202) 482-5193, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 19, 2013, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from China.¹ On June 1, 2018, Commerce published the notice of initiation of this sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On June 15, 2018, and June 18, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i), Commerce received timely and complete notices of intent to participate in the sunset review from domestic producers of xanthan gum, Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) and CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (CP Kelco), respectively.³ On July 2, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), ADM and CP Kelco filed a timely and adequate substantive response.⁴ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), we conducted an expedited (120-day) first sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* includes dry xanthan gum, whether or not coated or blended with other products. Xanthan gum is included in this order regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, solutions, slurries, dry powders of any particle size, or unground fiber.

Merchandise covered by the scope of the *Order* is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheading 3913.90.20.15. This tariff classification is provided for convenience and

¹ See *Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 78 FR 43143 (July 19, 2013) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 83 FR 25436 (June 1, 2018).

³ See Letter from ADM to Commerce re, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review Of Antidumping Duty Order On Xanthan Gum From The People's Republic Of China/Domestic Industry Notice Of Intent To Participate In Sunset Review," dated June 15, 2018, and Letter from CP Kelco to Commerce re, "Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco U.S., Inc.'s Notice Of Intent To Participate," dated June 18, 2018.

⁴ See Letter from ADM and CP Kelco to Commerce re, "Five-Year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China/Domestic Industry Substantive Response," dated July 2, 2018 (ADM and CP Kelco Substantive Response).