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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

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.

Agency: Census Bureau.

Title: Construction Progress Reporting Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0153.

Form Number(s): C–700, C–700(R), C–700(SL), C–700(F).

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Average Hours per Response: 11.67 minutes.

Burden Hours: 58,333.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension of a currently approved collection for forms: C–700, for Private Construction Projects; C–700(R), for Multifamily Residential Projects; C–700(SL), for State and Local Governments Projects; and C–700(F), for Federal Government Projects.

These forms are used to conduct the Construction Progress Reporting Surveys (CPRS) which collect information on the dollar value of construction put in place on nonresidential building projects under construction by private companies or individuals, private multifamily residential buildings, and building projects under construction by federal and state and local governments.

The Census Bureau uses the information collected on these forms to publish estimates of the monthly dollar value of construction put in place. These data are a Principal Federal Economic Indicator that is used extensively by the federal government in making policy decisions and is used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to estimate Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with construction spending (nonresidential fixed investment on structures and residential fixed investment) accounting for 6.9 percent of GDP in 2017. The private sector uses the statistics for market analysis and other research.

There are currently no planned content changes to the CPRS questionnaires. However, beginning with the September 2018 statistical period, we are now in booklet form, which were previously printed on a single legal page, and are now in booklet form. Additionally, the contact information is now requested on the front page of the booklet rather than on the back page, and the numbering scheme reflects this rearrangement of questions.

Affected Public: Businesses; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal governments; Federal Government.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131 and 182.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C–570–094]

Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From the People’s Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

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


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas Czajkowski or Robert Brown, AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–1395 or (202) 482–3702, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 10, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of refillable stainless steel kegs (kegs) from the People’s Republic of China.1 The preliminary determination is currently due no later than December 14, 2018.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days of the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, if the petitioner makes a request for an extension of the period within which the determination must be made, section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act allows Commerce to postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation.

On November 27, 2018, the petitioner 2 submitted a request pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) to postpone the preliminary determination.3 The petitioner states that additional time is necessary in light of the number of programs under investigation and the expected complexity of the issues.

For the reasons stated above, Commerce, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the day on which Commerce initiated this investigation. Therefore,

1 See Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation, 83 FR 52192 (October 16, 2018).

2 The petitioner is American Keg Company LLC.

3 See the petitioner’s Letter dated November 27, 2018, requesting postponement of the preliminary determination.