

clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub.L. 104-13.

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Trade Events/Mission Application and Participation Agreement.

Form Number: ITA-4008P, ITA-4008P-1 and ITA-4008P-A.

OMB Number: 0625-0147.

Type of Review: Revision—Regular Submission.

Burden: 2,625 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Avg. Hour Per Response: 20-50 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The ITA-4008P "Participation Agreement," is the vehicle by which individual firms agree to participate in any of ITA's trade promotion programs, and record their required participation fee to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC). Together with the relevant ITA-4008P "Conditions of Participation," it forms a contract between an individual firm and the DOC. The Trade Mission Application is used to solicit information from firms seeking to participate in DOC overseas trade missions covered by the Statement of Policy Governing Overseas Trade Missions of the Department of Commerce issued by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. The Secretary's statement of policy provides that each company seeking to take part in overseas trade missions must certify that:

(a) the export of the products and services that the company wishes to sell would be in compliance with U.S. export controls and regulations;

(b) the company has identified to the Department of Commerce for its evaluation any business pending before the Department of Commerce that may present the appearance of a conflict of interest;

(c) the company has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and

(d) the company agrees that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with the applicant's involvement in this event, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

The revisions to Form 4008P involve the collection of additional information about the products or services that a company wishes to export, and modification of several questions based on comments received from DOC trade

event managers and participants. In April 1997, ITA obtained OMB approval for a combined trade mission application and participation agreement form which would be used for all trade events and ITA services. Since that time, ITA has determined that it is more appropriate and effective to have two separate forms—a one-page Participation Agreement and a separate ITA-4008P-1 "Trade Mission Application," form. In addition the Participation Agreement and Trade Mission Application collection of information is being simplified to ask only for information that is absolutely necessary to provide the requested service and collect the participation fee. Trade mission participants will be required to complete the Forms ITA-4008P, ITA-4008P-1 and ITA-4008P-A. Other DOC trade event participants will complete Forms ITA-4008P and ITA-4008P-A.

Affected Public: Companies seeking to apply to participate in overseas Commerce Department trade promotion events and missions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0040.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 315 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 20 minutes for Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document and 2 hours for validation authority.

Needs and Uses: U.S. tuna dealers who import or export bluefin tuna are required to complete and transmit to the National Marine Fisheries Service a Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document (BSD) as required by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Foreign tuna deals who export to the United States must ensure that an original validated BSD accompanies imports.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, recordkeeping.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Title: Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program Evaluation Survey.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0021.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.