

Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-4060).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Commerce/Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is conducting an assessment of the domestic high performance military explosives and components sector in order to determine the competitiveness of the U.S. industry and its ability to support current and future defense needs.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a non-recurring, mandatory survey. It will be collected in written form.

III. Data

The survey will collect information on the nature of the business performed by each firm; estimated sales and employment data; financial information; research and development expenditures and funding sources; capital expenditures and funding sources; and competitiveness issues.

OMB Number: none.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: The domestic high performance military explosives and related components industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 240 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$8,194 for respondents—no equipment or other materials will need to be purchased to comply with the requirement.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

International Import Certificate

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Baker, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States and twenty other countries have undertaken to increase the effectiveness of their respective controls over international trade in strategic commodities by means of an Import Certificate procedure. For the U.S. importer, this procedure provides that, where required by the exporting country with respect to a specific transaction, the importer certifies to the U.S. Government that he/she will import specific commodities into the United States and will not reexport such commodities except in accordance with the export control regulations of the United States. The U.S. Government, in

turn, certifies that such representations have been made.

II. Method of Collections

This information is provided in written form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0017.

Form Number: Form BXA-645P, International Import Certificate.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,441.

Estimated Time Per Response: 16 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,986.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$148,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Short Supply Regulations, Petroleum (Crude Oil)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing