DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Special Provision for Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice Under the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice of determination of termination of existence of price conditions necessary for imposition of temporary duty on frozen concentrated orange juice from Mexico.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 309(a) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of 1993 ("NAFTA Implementation Act"), this is a notification that for 5 consecutive business days the daily price for frozen concentrated orange juice has exceeded the trigger price.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Somers, Horticultural and Tropical Products Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1000 or telephone at (202) 720-3423.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NAFTA Implementation Act authorizes the imposition of a temporary duty (snapback) for Mexican frozen concentrated orange juice when certain conditions exist. Mexican articles of frozen concentrated orange juice entered after the period of 5 consecutive business days the daily price for frozen concentrated orange juice has exceeded the trigger price.

Whenever the determination is that the price conditions exist the Secretary is required to immediately notify the Commissioner of Customs of such determination. Whenever the determination is that the price conditions exist and the quantity of Mexican articles of frozen concentrated orange juice enters exceeds (1) 264,978,000 liters (single strength equivalent) in any calendar years 2003 through 2007, the rate of duty on Mexican articles of frozen concentrated orange juice that are entered after the date on which the applicable quantity limitation is reached and before the date of publication in the Federal Register of the determination that the price conditions have ceased to exist shall be the lower of—(1) the column 1—General rate of duty in effect for such articles on July 1, 1991; or (2) the column 1—General rate of duty in effect on that day. For the purpose of this provision, the term “entered” means entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption in the customs territory of the United States.

In accordance with Section 309(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, it has been determined that for the period February 25-March 3, 1998, the daily price for frozen concentrated orange juice has exceeded the trigger price.

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Christopher E. Goldthwait, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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For the purpose of this provision, the term “daily price” means the daily closing price of the New York Cotton Exchange, or any successor as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture (the “Exchange”), for the closest month in which contracts for frozen concentrated orange juice are being traded on the Exchange. The term “business day” means a day in which contracts for frozen concentrated orange juice are being traded on the Exchange.

The term “trigger price” means the average daily closing price of the Exchange for the corresponding month during the previous 5-year period, excluding the year with the highest average price for the corresponding month and the year with the lowest average price for the corresponding month.

Price conditions no longer exist when the Secretary determines that for a period of 5 consecutive business days the daily price for frozen concentrated orange juice has exceeded the trigger price. Whenever the price conditions are determined to exist or to cease to exist the Secretary is required to immediately notify the Commissioner of Customs of such determination.

For a determination that price conditions exist the quantity of Mexican articles of frozen concentrated orange juice is less than the trigger price.

The data that the Bureau collects with the ATS, annual sales, end-of-year inventories, and purchases, are applicable to a variety of public and
business needs. The Census Bureau collects these annual data from firms reporting in the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS) as well as additional firms selected specifically for the annual survey. The annual collection is mandatory, whereas response to the monthly is voluntary.

Estimates developed in the ATS are used to benchmark the monthly sales and inventories series and the firms canvassed in this survey are not required to maintain additional records since carefully prepared estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.

II. Method of Collection

We will collect this information by mail, FAX and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0195.
Form Number: B-450, and B-451.
Type of Review: Regular Submission.
Affected Public: Wholesale Businesses.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,750.
Estimated Time Per Response: 3863 hrs (23 minutes).
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,221 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to the respondent is estimated to be $30,317 based on an annual response burden of 2,221 hours and a rate of $13.65 per hour to complete the form.

Respondent's Obligation: mandatory.
Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, 24, and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

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


Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.
Form Number(s): SIPP 16805(L)
Director's Letter, CAPI Instrument.
Agency Approval Number: 0607-0813.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Burden: 117,800 hours.
Number of Respondents: 77,700.
Avg Hours Per Response: half an hour.
Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) to collect information from a sample of households concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits. SIPP data are used by economic policymakers, the Congress, state and local governments, and Federal agencies that administer social welfare and transfer payment programs such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Agriculture. The SIPP is a longitudinal survey, in that households in the panel are interviewed 12 times at 4 month intervals or waves over the life of the panel, making the duration of the panel about 4 years. The next panel of households will be introduced in the year 2000.

The survey is molded around a central core of labor force and income questions, health insurance questions, and questions concerning government program participation that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core questions are asked at Wave 1 and are updated during subsequent interviews. The core is supplemented with additional questions or topical modules designed to answer specific needs.

This request is for clearance of the topical modules to be asked during Wave 8 of the 1996 Panel. The core questions have already been cleared.

Topical modules for waves 9 through 12 will be cleared later. The topical modules for Wave 8 are: (1) Adult Well-Being and (2) Welfare Reform. Wave 8 interviews will be conducted from August through November 1998.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.
Frequency: Every 4 months.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.
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 of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 956]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson and Surry Counties, NC

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Piedmont Triad Partnership (the Grantee), a North Carolina non-profit corporation, has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 21-97, 62 FR 15460, 4/1/97;