

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46—48c) in connection with the commodity and services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities have been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Stool

P.S. #127-A

P.S. #127-B

P.S. #127-C

P.S. #127-D

Pad, Typewriter 7510-00-849-1137

7510-00-530-6412

7510-00-257-2576

Cleaner, Tobacco Pipe

M.R. 204

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### National Security Assessment of the U.S. Maritime Industry

**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 November 24, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms 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, Trade & Industry Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-2017 or 3795).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Commerce/BXA, in coordination with the Department of the Navy, Carderock Division, and the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration is conducting a survey of the U.S. maritime industry in order to assess the health and competitiveness as well as the technology requirements of the forms that comprise this critical sector.

##### 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; competitiveness issues and technology requirements.

*OMB Number:* N/A.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* The vendor, supplier and manufacturer base of the U.S. Maritime industry.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4.0 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$210,080 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: September 22, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee will be held October 15, 1998, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street Between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

#### Agenda

##### General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Discussion of issues related to the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).
3. Status of BWC implementation protocol negotiations.
4. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.

##### Executive Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting.

However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the materials should be forwarded two weeks prior to the meeting to the address below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Bureau of Export Administration, MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15 St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230