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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: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Short Supply Regulations—Petroleum Products.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0026.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Burden: 1 hour.

Average Time Per Response: 30 to 60 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 1 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act (NPRPA) of 1976, 10 U.S.C. 7420 and 7430(e), restricts the export of any petroleum product produced from crude oil derived from the Naval Petroleum Reserves (NPR). Under Section 754.3(b) of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), applications for the export of petroleum products listed in Supplement No. 1 to this part that were produced or derived from Naval Petroleum Reserves, or that became available for export as a result of an exchange for a Naval Petroleum reserves produced or derived commodity, other than crude oil, will be denied unless the President makes a finding required under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act (10 U.S.C. 7430). To date, the President has not made any national interest findings that would allow exports under this statute.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (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 of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Multi-Agency Business Development Infrastructure Mission to China and Hong Kong, and Business Development Mission to Korea

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of mission statement.

I. Description of the Missions

The Department of Commerce announces that Secretary of Commerce William M. Daley will travel to South Korea March 10-13, 1999, for a business development mission, and to China and Hong Kong March 14-20, 1999, to lead a multi-agency business development infrastructure mission.

China/Hong Kong. The multi-agency infrastructure mission to China, which was announced during the Presidential Summit in June of this year, is designed to include cabinet and other senior officials representing infrastructure-related agencies in the U.S. Government. The business development mission will include large, medium, and small firms representing sectors such as, but not limited to, information technologies, power generation, oil and gas exploration and downstream development, construction including residential dwellings, environment, transportation, and engineering and financial services in support of efforts to involve more U.S. companies in China's infrastructure development. The Secretary, cabinet agency representatives, and mission members will stop in Hong Kong to pursue substantial infrastructure opportunities there and to meet with Hong Kong officials and local U.S. business.

As currently envisioned, the mission will travel to Beijing, Hong Kong, and two other cities to be determined. The itinerary in Beijing will largely consist of bilateral policy meetings with

Chinese senior economic officials, of forums on trade initiatives and issues, and of meetings for U.S. participating firms with key decision makers in relevant ministries and organizations. Outside of Beijing, we envision site visits to key infrastructure projects and to joint ventures between U.S. firms and local firms, round table discussions with senior economic development officials, and matchmaking business appointments for mission participants.

The mission also presents an opportunity to implement a number of other commercial initiatives announced during the Presidential Summit in June. The state and non-state enterprise forum, the housing, insurance, e-commerce, environment, and aviation initiatives will receive focus and attention during the visit.

Korea. Building on the momentum of President Clinton's November 1998 visit to Korea in which Secretary Daley participated, the mission to Korea will broaden commercial ties and help U.S. companies take advantage of opportunities arising out of Korea's economic reform program. The mission will fulfill President Clinton's commitment to President Kim Dae Jung that Secretary Daley will bring a mission to Korea and demonstrate the Administration's support for Korea's recovery and restructuring efforts.

The mission to Korea will bring U.S. companies to this market at a time when it is poised for recovery and is making unprecedented changes in the way business is done. Despite the current economic slowdown, there are many good opportunities for U.S. firms willing to look for and pursue them. Exporters need to be creative with financing and to identify instruments addressing short-term liquidity problems, including U.S. Government institutions such as the Export-Import Bank.

In Korea, the focus will be on commercial opportunities, including those presented by the continuing IMF-mandated economic reform program. The Secretary will meet with government officials to discuss bilateral concerns, advocate for U.S. commercial interests, and advance other relevant policy initiatives. Briefings and matchmaking business appointments will be made for members of the business delegation. Individual country briefings will include local public and private sector officials to discuss developments in the country that affect the commercial environment.

The mission will depart Washington on March 10. One group will visit Korea March 12-13 and a second group will visit China March 14-20.