

Officer, Washington, DC 20503, before February 25, 2000. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6784.

During the first 40 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the Commission on Civil Rights requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 5, 2000. During the 40-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mireille Zieseniss, 202-376-6243, Civil Rights Analyst, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. The burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* New, one-time collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Survey of Employment Discrimination Research Organizations, Advocacy Groups, and Experts.
3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the U.S. Commission sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number exists. Component: Office of Civil Rights Evaluation.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: non-profit organizations and academicians. This survey will be completed by organizations and academicians who study employment discrimination.

5. *Estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 100 at 1 hour per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 100 hours.

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION:** Mireille Zieseniss, Civil Rights Analyst, Office of Civil Rights Evaluation, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

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#### Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders (M3) Survey Supplement: Unfilled Orders Benchmark Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of consideration.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is planning to initiate a supplement, the Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey, to the monthly Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders survey for 1999. The data received from this supplement will provide the information necessary to benchmark the monthly estimates of unfilled orders in manufacturing. The unfilled orders series is an important indicator of economic activity. These data have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. They are not available from non-governmental or other governmental sources.

**DATE:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 17, 2000.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Wentela, Chief, Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders Branch, Manufacturing and

Construction Division, on (301) 457-4832.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. The Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between the economic censuses. The next Economic Census will occur in the year 2002. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the Economic Census.

This Unfilled Orders Benchmark survey is a supplement to the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders survey and will request end-of-year unfilled orders and annual sales data for 1999. The survey will include a sample of about 10,000 companies classified in industries for which unfilled orders are normally maintained longer than one month. The survey will be mailed in spring 2000 and require responses within 45 days after receipt.

The resulting unfilled orders estimates will be used to revise the levels currently being published for the monthly survey and will improve the accuracy of the data. The current estimates are based on a small sample and are subject to error.

Beginning with the survey year 2001, we will publish the M3 Survey data using the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The data collected in this survey will help establish new levels of unfilled orders for NAICS industries. The structure of NAICS was developed in a series of meetings between the United States, Canada, and Mexico in the early to middle 1990s. NAICS recognizes the rapid changes in both the United States and world economies by providing a means to classify new and emerging industries. The system was constructed on a production-oriented, or supply-based, conceptual framework.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, we will submit the survey to OMB for approval. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies are

available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau (see **ADDRESS** section).

Dated: February 10, 2000.

**Kenneth Prewitt,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### President's Export Council, Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will meet on March 15, 2000, 9:30 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The PECSEA provides advice on matters pertinent to those portions of the Export Administration Act, as amended, that deal with United States policies of encouraging trade with all countries with which the United States has diplomatic or trading relations and of controlling trade for national security and foreign policy reasons.

#### General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Administration export control initiatives.
4. Task Force reports.

#### Closed Session

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

The General Session of the meeting is 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 PECSEA. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSEA members, the PECSEA suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees, MS: 3876, Bureau of Export Administration, 15th St. & Pennsylvania

Ave., NW, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. 20230.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the PECSEA to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522(c)(1) was approved October 25, 1999, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

**Iain S. Baird,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

**[A-357-007, C-357-004]**

#### Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order and Termination of Suspended Countervailing Duty Investigation: Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of revocation of antidumping duty order and termination of suspended countervailing duty investigation: Carbon steel wire rod from Argentina.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the United States International Trade Commission ("the Commission") determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order and termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina is not likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 5368 (February 3, 2000)). Therefore, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(1), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is revoking the antidumping duty order and terminating the suspended countervailing duty investigation on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2) the effective date of revocation and termination is January 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darla D. Brown or Melissa G. Skinner,

Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3207 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

#### Background

On November 2, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (63 FR 58709 and 63 FR 58756, respectively) of the antidumping duty order and the suspended countervailing duty investigation on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of the reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order and termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and a countervailable subsidy, respectively, and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin and the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail were the antidumping order revoked and the suspended countervailing duty investigation terminated (*see Final Results of Full Sunset Review: Carbon Steel Wire Rod from Argentina*, 64 FR 53321 (October 1, 1999); and *Final Results of Full Sunset Review: Carbon Steel Wire Rod from Argentina*, 64 FR 53331 (October 1, 1999)).

On February 3, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order and termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation on carbon steel wire rod from Argentina would not likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (*see Carbon Steel Wire Rod From Argentina*, 65 FR 5368 (February 3, 2000), and USITC Pub. 3270, Investigations Nos. 701-TA-A (Review) and 731-TA-157 (Review)).

#### Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order and suspended countervailing duty investigation is carbon steel wire rod, both high carbon and low carbon, manufactured in Argentina and exported, directly or indirectly from Argentina to the United States. The term "carbon steel wire rod" covers a coiled, semi-finished, hot-rolled carbon steel product of approximately round solid cross section, not under 0.02 inches nor over 0.74 inches in diameter, not tempered, not treated, and not partly