

intermediaries' activities to protect the Government's financial interest and ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. It includes information to identify the intermediary, describe the intermediary's experience and expertise, describe how the intermediary will operate its revolving loan fund, provide for debt instruments, loan agreements, and security, and other material necessary for prudent credit decisions and reasonable program monitoring.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.72 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

*Estimated number of Respondents:* 160.

*Estimated number of responses per respondent:* 30.35.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 16,930 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, at (202) 692-0043.

#### 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 will have practical utility; (b) 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; (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 those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

**Dayton J. Watkins.**

*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet March 21, 2000, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

#### Agenda

##### Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairperson.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on pending regulatory revisions.
4. Update on BXA policies under review.
5. Discussion of electronic submission of license applications and supporting documentation.
6. Discussion of BXA compliance initiatives.
7. Discussion of encryption regulations.

##### Closed Session

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

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are neither required nor accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, BXA-MS: 3876, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 12, 1999, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee 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 more information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Expedited Five-Year Reviews

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for final results of expedited five-year ("Sunset") reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of eight expedited sunset reviews initiated on November 2, 1999 (64 FR 59160) covering various antidumping duty orders. Based on adequate responses from domestic interested parties and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting expedited sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation of recurrence of dumping. As a result of these extensions, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than May 30, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark D. Young or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

### Extension of Final Results

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a sunset review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). The reviews at issue concern transition orders within the meaning of section 751(c)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the following antidumping duty orders are extraordinarily complicated:

- A-570-806 Silicon Metal from the People's of China ("PRC")
- A-351-806 Silicon Metal from Brazil
- A-357-804 Silicon Metal from Argentina
- A-351-824 Silicomanganese from Brazil
- A-570-828 Silicomanganese from the PRC
- A-588-823 Electric Cutting Tools from Japan
- A-583-820 Helical Spring Lock Washers from Taiwan
- A-570-822 Helical Spring Lock Washers from the PRC

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of these reviews until not later than May 30, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-808; A-583-810]

### Chrome-Plated Lug Nuts From the People's Republic of China and Taiwan; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Sunset Reviews:

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of antidumping duty sunset reviews: chrome-plated lug nuts from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

**SUMMARY:** On August 2, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the notice of initiation of sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on chrome-plated lug nuts ("lug nuts") from the People's Republic of China ("China")

and Taiwan. The merchandise covered by these orders are one-piece and two-piece chrome-plated and nickel-plated lug nuts. On the basis of notices of intent to participate and adequate substantive comments filed on behalf of a domestic interested party and inadequate response (in these cases, no response) from respondent interested parties, we determined to conduct expedited reviews. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we find that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Reviews."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark D. Young, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Statute and Regulations

This review is being conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations") and 19 CFR Part 351 (1999) in general. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

#### Background

On August 2, 1999, the Department published the notice of initiation of sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on lug nuts from China and Taiwan (64 FR 41915). The Department received Notices of Intent to Participate on behalf of Consolidated International Automotive, Inc. ("Consolidated") on August 17, 1999, within the deadline specified in section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the Sunset Regulations. Consolidated claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as U.S. manufacturers of lug nuts. We received a complete substantive response, in both the Chinese and Taiwanese reviews, from Consolidated on September 1, 1999, within the 30-day deadline

specified in the Sunset Regulations under section 351.218(d)(3)(i). In its substantive responses, Consolidated stated that it was the petitioner in the original investigations of lug nuts from China and Taiwan. Furthermore, Consolidated stated that it had participated in all phases of the investigation and administrative reviews and in the scope proceedings of lug nuts from China and Taiwan. We did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party to these proceedings. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C), the Department determined to conduct expedited, 120-day, reviews of these orders.

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Act, the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). The reviews at issue concern transition orders within the meaning of section 751(c)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. Therefore, the Department determined that the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on lug nuts from China and Taiwan are extraordinarily complicated and extended the time limit for completion of the final results of these reviews until not later than February 28, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.<sup>1</sup>

#### Scope of Review

The products covered by these reviews are one-piece and two-piece chrome-plated and nickel-plated lug nuts from China and Taiwan. The subject merchandise includes chrome-plated and nickel-plated lug nuts, finished or unfinished, which are more than 11/16 inches (17.45 millimeters) in height and which have a hexagonal size of at least 3/4 inches (19.05 millimeters) but not over one inch (25.4 millimeters), plus or minus 1/16 of an inch (1.59 millimeters). The term "unfinished" refers to unplated and/or unassembled chrome-plated lug nuts. The subject merchandise is used for securing wheels to cars, vans, trucks, utility vehicles, and trailers. Excluded from the orders are zinc-plated lug nuts, finished or unfinished, stainless steel capped lug nuts, and chrome-plated lock nuts. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 7318.16.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the

<sup>1</sup> See Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Reviews, 64 FR 62167 (November 16, 1999).