

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to an extension of currently approved information collections used in support of the FSA, Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program regulations.

DATE: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 5, 2000 to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Quayle, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522; Telephone (202) 690-4018; Electronic mail: cquayle@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Operating Loans; Policies, Procedures, and Authorizations.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0162.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2000.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number is 0560-0162 is necessary to administer the operating loan program in accordance with the requirements in 7 CFR 1941 Subpart A as authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Specifically, the Agency uses the information to evaluate loan making or loan servicing proposals. The information is needed for the Agency to evaluate an applicant's eligibility, and to determine if the operation is economically feasible and the security offered in support of the loan is adequate.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .12 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49,492.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,014.

Comments are sought on these requirements including: (a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize 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 collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Cathy Quayle, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Making Division, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0522, Washington, DC 20250-0522. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Cathy Quayle at the above address. Comments regarding paperwork burden will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 28, 2000.

Parks Shackelford,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce 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). It has been submitted to OMB under emergency clearance procedures. The Department is requesting OMB approval by no later than July 7, 2000.

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Title: Survey Instrument to Support the Annual Minority Broadcast Ownership Report.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection—Emergency Submission.

Burden: Approximately 400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 400 persons.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: The Minority

Telecommunications Development Program (MTDP), National Telecommunications and Information Administration has developed a survey instrument that it intends to use to collect information for its annual minority broadcast ownership report. The instrument will be the principle method for systematically gathering detailed information about the challenges confronting minority entrepreneurs entering the broadcast industry or expanding operations. The report will provide a basis for major national policies to increase minority participation in this arena, as well as Administration initiatives to promote economic opportunity for minority-owned businesses generally.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503 by no later than July 7, 2000.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 1109]

Approval for Expanded Manufacturing Authority (Postage Franking Machines and Electronic Business Equipment) Within Foreign—Trade Subzone 77B, Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc., Bartlett, TN

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, the City of Memphis, Tennessee, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 77, has applied to expand the scope of manufacturing authority for FTZ Subzone 77B (Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc. facilities in Bartlett, Shelby County, Tennessee) to include production of postage franking machines and electronic business equipment under FTZ procedures (FTZ Doc. 50-99; filed 10-18-99);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in **Federal Register** (64 FR 60766, 11-8-99); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, Therefore, the Board hereby approves the request subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of June 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-421-805]

Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Aramid Fiber Formed of Poly Para-Phenylene Terephthalamide From the Netherlands

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on aramid fiber formed of poly para-phenylene terephthalamide ("PPD-T aramid") from the Netherlands in response to requests by respondent, Twaron Products V.o.F. (formerly Aramid Products V.o.F.) and Twaron Products Inc. (formerly Akzo

Nobel Aramid Products, Inc.) (collectively "Twaron"), and petitioner, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company. This review covers sales of this merchandise to the United States during the period June 1, 1998, through May 31, 1999, by Twaron. The results of the review indicate the existence of dumping margins for the above period.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis McClure or Michael Grossman, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 6, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0984 or (202) 482-3146, respectively.

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1999).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on PPD-T aramid from the Netherlands on June 24, 1994 (59 FR 32678). On June 9, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 30962) a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of this order covering the period June 1, 1998, through May 31, 1999.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), Twaron and petitioner requested that we conduct an administrative review for the aforementioned period. On July 29, 1999, the Department published a notice of "Initiation of Antidumping Review" (64 FR 41075). The Department is now conducting this administrative review pursuant to section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

The products covered by this review are all forms of PPD-T aramid from the Netherlands. These consist of PPD-T aramid in the form of filament yarn (including single and corded), staple fiber, pulp (wet or dry), spun-laced and spun-bonded nonwovens, chopped

fiber, and floc. Tire cord is excluded from the class or kind of merchandise under review. This merchandise is currently classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") item numbers 5402.10.3020, 5402.10.3040, 5402.10.6000, 5503.10.1000, 5503.10.9000, 5601.30.0000, and 5603.00.9000. The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Verification

As provided in Section 782(i) of the Act, we verified the information submitted by Twaron Products V.o.F. and Twaron Products Inc. from May 8 through May 12, 2000, in the Netherlands, and on May 17 and May 18, 2000, in the United States. See June 9, 2000, *Verification of the Sales Response of Twaron Products V.o.F. Memorandum*. The public version of this verification report is on file in the Central Records Unit ("CRU") of the Department of Commerce (Room B-099).

Transactions Reviewed

In accordance with section 751 of the Act, the Department is required to determine the normal value ("NV") and export price ("EP") or constructed export price ("CEP") of each entry of subject merchandise. See section 751(a)(2)(A). Because there can be a significant lag between entry date and sale date for CEP sales, it has been the Department's practice to examine U.S. CEP sales during the period of review ("POR"). See *Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Japan; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 58 FR 48826 (1993) (the Department did not consider ESP (now CEP) entries which were sold after the POR). The Court of International Trade ("CIT") has upheld the Department's practice in this regard. See *The AD Hoc Committee of Southern California Producers of Gray Portland Cement v. United States*, 914 F. Supp. 535, 544-45 (CIT 1995).

Comparisons to NV

In accordance with section 771(16) of the Act, we considered all products covered by the Scope of the Review which were sold by the respondent in the home market during the POR to be foreign like products for purposes of product comparisons to U.S. sales.

Pursuant to section 777A(d)(2) of the Act, where there were home market sales that passed the cost of production ("COP") test, as discussed below, we