

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a feasibility study to assess the operational implications of using the American Community Survey data collection methods in Puerto Rico. The American Community Survey, which the Census Bureau initiated in November 1995, is an ongoing, continuous monthly household survey that provides data which were historically collected via the decennial census long-form questionnaire. We are currently in the comparison phase (1999–2002) of the American Community Survey in which we are comparing American Community Survey data with data collected during Census 2000.

In 2003, the Census Bureau plans to begin conducting the American Community Survey in every county in the United States and also in Puerto Rico. This feasibility study is necessary to determine whether the current data collection procedures are appropriate for use in Puerto Rico.

The current design of the American Community Survey relies on three methods of data collection: mailout/mailback, computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI), and computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI). During Census 2000, the Census Bureau used update/leave/mailback methods in Puerto Rico. This feasibility study will allow us to determine whether we can successfully mail questionnaires to households in Puerto Rico and whether we can conduct CATI and CAPI interviews with households that do not return the mailed form. In addition, we will be able to estimate CATI and CAPI work loads in Puerto Rico in 2003 based on the mail response rates in the study and our ability to obtain telephone numbers for use in the CATI operation.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail a modified and translated version of the American Community Survey questionnaire to approximately 10,000 households in Puerto Rico. For households that do not return a questionnaire, the Census Bureau staff will attempt to conduct interviews by CATI or CAPI.

The Census Bureau staff will provide telephone questionnaire assistance.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: ACS-1(2000) PR.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: During the period of July 2001 through October 2001, we plan to contact 10,000 households for this feasibility study.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Estimates are 38 minutes per household.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The estimate is an annual average of 6,333 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Except for their time, there is no cost to respondents.

Respondent Obligation: Mandatory.

Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

IV. Request for 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 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 collections techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for the OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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

[Docket 7–2001]

Foreign-Trade Zone 129—Bellingham, Washington; Proposed Foreign-Trade Subzone; ARCO Products Company (Oil Refinery Complex); Bellingham, Washington, Area

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham, grantee of FTZ 129, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BP America, located in the Bellingham, Washington, area. The application was

submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on January 25, 2001.

The ARCO “Cherry Point” refinery complex (223,000 BPD refinery, 66 tanks with over 7 million barrel capacity, 3,600 acres) is located at 4519 Grandview Road, near Cherry Point (Whatcom County), Washington, some 15 miles northwest of Bellingham. The refinery (440 employees) is used to produce fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. Fuel products include gasoline, jet fuel, distillates, residual fuels, naphthas and motor fuel blendstocks. Petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products include liquified petroleum gases, petroleum coke and sulfur. Some 8 percent of the crude oil (nearly all of inputs) is sourced abroad. The application also indicates that the company may in the future import under FTZ procedures some naphthas, virgin gas oil, natural gas condensate, and motor fuel blendstocks.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (duty-free) by admitting certain incoming foreign crude oil in non-privileged foreign status. The duty rates on inputs range from 5.25¢/barrel to 10.5¢/barrel. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the refinery's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below.

The closing period for their receipt is April 6, 2001. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to April 23, 2001).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Port of Bellingham, Harbor Center Building, 1801 Roeder Avenue, Bellingham, Washington 98227–1677
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room

4008, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: January 25, 2001.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; Application for the President's "E" Award and "E Star" Awards for Export Expansion

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 the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Mclayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Jesse Leggoe, Room 1107, Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 482-3940, fax (202) 482-0729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The President's "E" Award for Excellence in Exporting is our nation's highest award to honor American exporters. "E" Awards recognize firms and organizations for their competitive achievements in world markets, as well as the benefits of their success to the U.S. economy. The President's "E Star" Award recognizes the sustained superior international marketing performance of "E" Award winners.

II. Method of Collection

An application form is the vehicle designed to determine eligibility for the award within established criteria. The

completed application is submitted to the appropriate U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center for review and endorsement, and then forwarded to the Office of Domestic Operations in the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., for processing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0065.

Form Number: ITA 725P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: U.S. firms and organizations and American subsidiaries of foreign-owned or controlled corporations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time per Response: 27.4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1644.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$68,000.

IV. Requested for 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 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: January 30, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Partial Rescission of Administrative Reviews, and Notice of Intent To Revoke Orders in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary of antidumping duty administrative reviews, partial rescission of administrative reviews, and notice of intent to revoke orders in part.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on antifriction bearings (other than tapered roller bearings) and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The merchandise covered by these orders are ball bearings and parts thereof, cylindrical roller bearings and parts thereof, and spherical plain bearings and parts thereof. The reviews cover 56 manufacturers/exporters. The period of review is May 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999, for certain orders and May 1, 1999, through April 30, 2000, for other orders.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value by various companies subject to these reviews. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative reviews, we will instruct U.S. Customs to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the appropriate case analysts for the various respondent firms as listed below, at Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of