

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 3, 2002. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

**COPIES:** Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* NMVC Program Application Interview Questions; SSBIC Applicant Tech Proposal; Request for Approval of Management Services Fees.

*No's:* 2216, 2217.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Program Applicants and participants; SSBIC's receiving grants under the NMVC program.

*Responses:* 38.

*Annual Burden:* 210.

**Jacqueline White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES  
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**New Requests for Exclusion of  
Particular Products From Actions With  
Regard to Certain Steel Products  
Under Section 203 of the Trade Act of  
1974, as Established in Presidential  
Proclamation 7529 of March 5, 2002;  
Information Collection and Procedures  
for Consideration**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Presidential Proclamation 7529 of March 5, 2002 established actions under section 203 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 2253) (safeguard measures) with regard to certain steel products. The Proclamation authorizes the United States Trade Representative (USTR), in March of each year in which any safeguard measure established by the Proclamation remains in effect and after consultation with the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), to exclude particular products from the safeguard measure. In a Memorandum of March 5, 2002, the President instructed the USTR to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the procedures by which interested persons may request the TPSC to recommend whether to exclude a particular product. This notice describes the annual review process through which future new exclusion requests will be accepted.

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), USTR will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an information collection related to interested persons' reasons for requesting an exclusion, and any other interested persons' reasons for opposing the granting of an exclusion.

**DATES:** Submit public comments on the information collection on or before August 2, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Office of Industry, Office of the United States Trade Representatives, 600 17th Street, NW, Room 501, Washington DC, 20508. Telephone (202) 395-5656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 22, 2001, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issued affirmative determinations under section 202(b) of the Trade Act (22 U.S.C. 2252(b)) that (1) carbon and alloy steel slabs, plate (including cut-to-length plate and clad plate), hot-rolled sheet and strip (including plate in coils), cold-rolled sheet and strip (other than grain-oriented electrical steel), and corrosion-resistant and other coated sheet and strip; (2) carbon and alloy hot-rolled bar and light shapes; (3) carbon and alloy cold-finished bar; (4) rebar; (5) carbon and alloy welded tubular products (other than oil country tubular goods); (6) carbon and alloy flanges, fittings, and tool joints; (7) stainless steel bar and light shapes; and (8) stainless steel rod are being imported in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industries producing those products. The Commissioners voting were equally

divided with respect to the determination under section 202(b) of the Trade Act as to whether increased imports of (9) carbon and alloy tin mill products; (10) tool steel, all forms; (11) stainless steel wire; and (12) stainless steel flanges and fittings are being imported in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industries producing those products.

On March 5, 2002, the President issued Proclamation 7529, which established safeguard measures in the form of increases in duty and a tariff-rate quota pursuant to section 203 of the Trade Act on imports of the ten steel products described in paragraph 7 of that proclamation. Effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m., EST, on March 20, 2002, Proclamation 7529 modifies the HTS so as to provide for such increased duties and a tariff-rate quota. Proclamation 7529 also authorized the USTR to further consider requests for the exclusion of particular products and, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of his finding that a particular product should be excluded, to modify the HTS provisions created by the Annex to that proclamation to exclude such particular product from the pertinent safeguard measure. USTR requested additional information about these exclusions, in the form of a requester's questionnaire from interested persons that had requested exclusions, and an objector's questionnaire from interested persons that had opposed such requests.

Proclamation 7529 authorized the USTR, in March of each year in which any safeguard measure established by the Proclamation remains in effect and after consultation with the TPSC, to exclude particular products from the safeguard measure. In a Memorandum of March 5, 2002, the President instructed the USTR to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the procedures by which interested persons may request the TPSC to recommend whether to exclude a particular product.

USTR, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), has concluded that the new requester and new objector questionnaires used with regard to the new exclusion requests submitted on May 20, 2002, will elicit the information needed to evaluate whether to grant the exclusion of a particular product in March 2003, March 2004, or at such other time as may be permitted by Proclamation 7529. USTR and Commerce have further concluded that interested persons that already submitted requester's

questionnaires for a product should file an updated requester's questionnaire that revises and supplements the previously submitted request. Anyone that previously submitted an objection to such request must also file a revised objector's questionnaire updating the information previously submitted.

#### **Submission of Requests for Exclusion and Opposition to Requests for Exclusion**

In November 2002 and November 2003, or at any other time that may be appropriate, USTR will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting any interested persons seeking the exclusion of a particular product to submit (1) for previously submitted product exclusion requests, an updated requester questionnaire, referencing the alphanumeric tracking number assigned to the product, that revises the previously submitted version and provides any additional information the requester deems necessary for our analysis; or (2) a new requester questionnaire. A list of products for which we have received a requester questionnaire that we have deemed to be appropriately filed is available from the USTR and Commerce Department websites, <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/exclusion/>. Any updated requester questionnaire or new requester questionnaire should be submitted within 30 days of the date of publication of the **Federal Register** notice described in this paragraph.

Within 15 business days after the date for submitting questionnaires, USTR will post a summary of the requested exclusions on its website. Interested persons opposing any request for exclusion should submit (1) for objections previously submitted, an updated objector's questionnaire, referencing the appropriate alphanumeric tracking number, that revises the previously submitted version and provides any additional information the objector deems necessary for our analysis; or (2) a new objector's questionnaire. Interested persons objecting to new requests or filing revised objector's questionnaires regarding previously submitted requests should submit their objections within 30 days following the posting of the product description summaries on the USTR website.

These questionnaires will be available on the USTR and Commerce Department websites at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/exclusion/>. USTR may disregard an exclusion request for a particular product if a complete response to the requester's questionnaires has not been received

with regard to that product by the applicable date. USTR may conclude that there is no opposition with regard to the exclusion of a particular product if a complete response to the new objector's questionnaire with regard to that product has not been received by the applicable date.

Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. USTR will grant only those exclusions that do not undermine the objectives of the safeguard measures. In analyzing the requests, USTR will consider whether the product is currently being produced in the United States, whether substitution of the product is possible, whether qualification requirements affect the requester's ability to use domestic products, inventories, whether the requested product is under development by a U.S. producer who will imminently be able to produce it in commercial quantities and any other relevant factors. Where necessary, USTR and/or the Commerce Department will meet with interested persons to discuss the information that was submitted and/or to gain additional information.

Every effort will be made to process requests as soon as possible consistent with resources and the quality of information that is received.

Interested persons should follow the instructions posted on the USTR and Commerce Department web sites at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/steel/exclusion/>. Failure to follow the instructions posted there may result in rejection of the questionnaire submission.

We will assign each product covered by new request an alpha-numeric tracking number such as "N299.3," and will notify requesters as soon as possible after receipt of the submission. All interested persons must use this alpha-numeric designator in every subsequent reference to that exclusion request.

We strongly discourage the submission of business confidential information. Any questionnaire response that contains business confidential information must be accompanied by six copies of a public summary that does not contain business confidential information, and a diskette containing an electronic version of the public summary. Any paper submission and diskette containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission, and on the label of the diskette. The version that does not contain business confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each

page, "public version" or "nonconfidential," and on the label of the diskette.

#### **Annual Reporting Burden**

##### *Updated Requester's Questionnaire*

*Respondents: 200.*  
*Responses per respondent: 6.5.*  
*Annual responses: 1300.*  
*Hours per response: 2.*  
*Total burden hours: 2600.*

##### *New Requester's Questionnaire*

*Respondents: 50.*  
*Responses per respondent: 2.*  
*Annual responses: 100.*  
*Hours per response: 15.*  
*Total burden hours: 1500.*

##### *Updated Objector's Questionnaire*

*Respondents: 17.*  
*Responses per respondent: 85.*  
*Annual responses: 1444.*  
*Hours per response: 1.5.*  
*Total burden hours: 2166.*

##### *New Objector's Questionnaire*

*Respondents: 17.*  
*Responses per respondent: 6.5.*  
*Annual responses: 111.*  
*Hours per response: 11.*  
*Total burden hours: 1221.*

#### **Request for Public Comments Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act**

We particularly invite public comment on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USTR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this information collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Any public comment should be submitted to USTR, Office of Industry, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn. PRA Comments. Comments should clearly indicate the questionnaire (requester's questionnaire or objector's questionnaire) to which they apply.

#### **Obtaining Copies of Proposals**

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the requester's questionnaire or the objector's questionnaire from the USTR Office of Industry, 600 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn. Questionnaire Copy, fax 202-395-9674, telephone 202-395-5656. Please

indicate clearly the questionnaire sought (requester's questionnaire or objector's questionnaire).

**Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.,**

*Deputy United States Trade Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2002-11422]

#### Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 2115-0629

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded one Information Collection Report (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OIRA ensures that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before July 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG 2002-11422] more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1)(a) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. (b) By mail to OIRA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard. Caution: Because of recent delays in the delivery of mail, your comments may reach the Facility more quickly if you choose one of the other means described below.

(2)(a) By delivery to room PL-401 at the address given in paragraph (1)(a) above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) By delivery to OIRA, at the address given in paragraph (1)(b) above, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) By fax to (a) the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251 and (b) OIRA at 202-395-5806, or e-mail to OIRA at

*oira\_docket@omb.eop.gov* attention: Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(4)(a) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. (b) By delivery to OIRA does not have a Web site on which you can post your comments.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 (Plaza level), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICR are available for inspection and copying in public dockets. A copy of it is available in docket USCG 2002-11422 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published [67 FR 6071 (February 8, 2002)] the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

##### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine whether the collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) The practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on

respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2002-11422. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

#### Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-0629.

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

*Affected Public:* Owners and operators of tank vessels.

*Forms:* This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the information to be in written or electronic format, and must be retained onboard the vessels and made readily available to the Coast Guard upon request.

*Abstract:* The information is needed to ensure compliance with domestic rules regarding operational measures for certain tank vessels while operating in the waters of the U.S.

*Annual Estimated Burden Hours:* The estimated burden is 18,006 hours a year.

Dated: May 24, 2002.

**N.S. Heiner,**

*Acting Director of Information & Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG 2002-11351]

#### Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 2115-0539, 2115-0504, 2115-0576, 2115-0581, and 2115-0626

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the five Information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OIRA ensures that we impose only paperwork burdens