

the Subject Country since the Order Date, and significant changes, if any, that are likely to occur within a reasonably foreseeable time. Supply conditions to consider include technology; production methods; development efforts; ability to increase production (including the shift of production facilities used for other products and the use, cost, or availability of major inputs into production); and factors related to the ability to shift supply among different national markets (including barriers to importation in foreign markets or changes in market demand abroad). Demand conditions to consider include end uses and applications; the existence and availability of substitute products; and the level of competition among the Domestic Like Product produced in the United States, Subject Merchandise produced in the Subject Country, and such merchandise from other countries.

(11) (Optional) A statement of whether you agree with the above definitions of the Domestic Like Product and Domestic Industry; if you disagree with either or both of these definitions, please explain why and provide alternative definitions.

**Authority:** This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.61 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-452 and 731-TA-1129-1130 (Final)]

### Raw Flexible Magnets From China and Taiwan

#### Determinations

On the basis of the record<sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 705(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports from China of raw flexible magnets, provided for in subheadings 8505.19.10 and 8505.19.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of

the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be subsidized by the Government of China.<sup>2</sup> The Commission further determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)), that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports from China and Taiwan of raw flexible magnets that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).<sup>3,4</sup> In addition, the Commission determines that it would not have found material injury but for the suspension of liquidation.

#### Background

The Commission instituted these investigations effective September 21, 2007, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Magnum Magnetics Corp., Marietta, OH. The final phase of the investigations was scheduled by the Commission following notification of preliminary determinations by Commerce that imports of raw flexible magnets from China were being subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)), and that imports of raw flexible magnets from China and Taiwan were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigations and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of May 8, 2008 (73 FR 26145). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on July 10, 2008, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determinations in these investigations to the Secretary of Commerce on August 25, 2008. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4030 (August 2008), *entitled Raw Flexible Magnets from China and Taiwan: Investigations No. 701-TA-452 and 731-TA-1129-1130 (Final)*.

<sup>2</sup> Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane determines that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of such imports.

<sup>3</sup> Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane determines that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of such imports.

<sup>4</sup> Vice Chairman Daniel R. Pearson and Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun determine that an industry in the United States is neither materially injured nor threatened with material injury by reason of such imports from Taiwan.

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**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Mass Layoff Statistics Program." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individuals listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before November 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 309(2)(15)(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) states that the Secretary of Labor shall oversee development, maintenance, and continuous improvements of the program to measure the incidence of, industrial and geographical location of,

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

and number of workers displaced by, permanent layoffs and plant closings. Prior to the WIA, Section 462(e) of Public Law 97-300, the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), provided that the Secretary of Labor develop and maintain statistical data relating to permanent mass layoffs and plant closings and issue an annual report. The report includes, at a minimum, the number of plant closings and mass layoffs, and the number of workers affected. The data are summarized by geographic area and industry.

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program uses a standardized, automated approach to identify, describe, and track the impact of major job cutbacks. The program utilizes, to the greatest degree possible, existing Unemployment Insurance (UI) records and computerized data files, supplemented by direct employer contact. Its major features include:

- The identification of major layoffs and closings through initial UI claims filed against the identified employer;
- The use of existing files on claimants to obtain basic demographic and economic characteristics on the individual;
- The telephone contact of those employers meeting mass layoff criteria to obtain specific information on the nature of the layoff and characteristics of the establishment;
- The identification of the continuing impact of the mass layoff on individuals by matching affected initial claimants with persons in claims status;
- The measurement of the incidence of the exhaustion of regular state UI benefits by affected workers;
- The identification and quantifying the effects that extended mass layoffs have on the movement of work; and,
- The identification of business functions within establishments which are affected by mass layoffs.

In the program, State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) submit one report each quarter and a preliminary, summary report each month. These computerized reports contain

information from State administrative files and information obtained from those employers meeting the program criteria of a mass layoff.

Congress provided for the implementation of the MLS program by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) through the Fiscal Years 1984-1992 appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies. The program was not operational in Fiscal Years 1993 and 1994. Program operation resumed in Fiscal Year 1995 with funds provided by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA). Beginning in fiscal year 2004, funding for the MLS program became part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics permanent budget. Also in 2004, the scope of the MLS program was redefined to cover only the private nonfarm economy for extended mass layoffs due to budget constraints.

At the present time, all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are participating in the program.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program.

In addition to the BLS uses of MLS data, such data are used by Congress, the Executive Branch, the business, labor, and academic communities, SWAs, and the U.S. Department of Labor for both macro- and microeconomic analysis, including specific labor market studies geared towards manpower assistance and development. Congress used these data in conjunction with the findings from a supplemental study of layoff actions in the development of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which was enacted in August 1988.

A Congressionally mandated use of mass layoff data includes the WIA, which replaces Title III of the JTPA. Section 133 of the WIA encourages the use of MLS data in substate allocations

relating to dislocated worker employment and training activities.

State agencies use the MLS data in various ways, including the identification of geographic areas in need of special manpower services; ailing or troubled industries; specific employers needing assistance; outreach activities for the unemployed; and workers in need of temporary health care services.

There is no other comprehensive source of statistics on either establishments or workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closings; therefore, none of the aforementioned data requirements could be fulfilled if this data collection did not occur.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate 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.
- Evaluate 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.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Mass Layoff Statistics Program.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0090.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector; State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

	Total respondents	Frequency	Total Responses	Average time per response	Estimated total burden (hours)
Employers .....	14000	On Occasion .....	14000	10 Minutes .....	2333
States .....	53	Monthly, Quarterly .....	848	76.51 Hours .....	64880
<b>TOTAL</b> .....			<b>14848</b>		<b>67213</b>

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the

information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of August 2008.

**Cathy Kazanowski,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (08-056)]

### **NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Heliophysics Subcommittee; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Heliophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Subcommittee reports to the Science Committee of the NAC. The Meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting from the scientific community and other persons scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, September 26, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Room 6H46, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Marian Norris, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4452, fax (202) 358-4118, or [mnorris@nasa.gov](mailto:mnorris@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Heliophysics Division Overview and Program Status
- 2009 Heliophysics Roadmap
- Multidisciplinary Science—  
Interdisciplinary Science—System Science
- Instrument Development Program
- Explorer Program

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the

presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information no less than 5 working days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/green card information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 3 working days in advance by contacting Marian Norris via e-mail at [mnorris@nasa.gov](mailto:mnorris@nasa.gov) or by telephone at (202) 358-4452.

Dated: August 26, 2008.

**Katherine M. Dakon,**

*Acting Director, Advisory Committee  
Management Division, National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 2, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation

Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:*

**Permit Application No. 2009-013**  
**Robert Pittman, NOAA/NMFS**  
**Southwest Fisheries Science Center,**  
**8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA**  
**92037, College Station, TX 77843-1112.**

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Take and Import into the U.S.A. The applicant's study of movement patterns, diet preferences and genetics of whales calls for the collection of pencil eraser size tissue samples from up to 200 Killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), 25 Minke whales (*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*), and 25 Humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*). The tissue samples will be used in food habit studies (stable isotope and fatty acids). Additionally the same samples will be used to analyze for genetic distinctness of the different killer whale types in Antarctica using genetics techniques. For movement patterns, a small (ca 40g) satellite tags will be attached to some of the whales. The samples collected will be imported to the U.S. for research studies at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center.

*Location:* Antarctic Peninsula area and McMurdo Sound region, Antarctica.

*Dates:* December 25, 2008 to December 31, 2013.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70-143]

**Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.,  
Environmental Assessment and  
Finding of No Significant Impact  
Related to Proposed License  
Amendment Authorizing the  
Processing of Uranium Hexafluoride in  
a New Process Line**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.