

Japan. Intended Use: See notice at 73 FR 44968, August 1, 2008.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. Reasons: Each foreign instrument is an electron microscope and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring an electron microscope. We know of no electron microscope, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order of each instrument.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Faye Robinson,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Five-year (“Sunset”) Review

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) is automatically initiating a five-year review (“Sunset Review”) of the antidumping duty order listed below. The International Trade Commission (“the Commission”) is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of Institution of Five-year Review which covers the same order.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department official identified in the Initiation of Review section below at AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution

Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. For information from the Commission contact Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission at (202) 205-3193.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department’s procedures for the conduct of Sunset Reviews are set forth in its *Procedures for Conducting Five-year (“Sunset”) Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) and 70 FR 62061 (October 28, 2005). 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).

Initiation of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(c), we are initiating the Sunset Review of the following antidumping duty order:

DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Product	Department Contact
A-570-880	731-TA-1020	PRC	Barium Carbonate	Juanita Chen (202) 482-1904

Filing Information

As a courtesy, we are making information related to Sunset proceedings, including copies of the pertinent statute and Department’s regulations, the Department schedule for Sunset Reviews, a listing of past revocations and continuations, and current service lists, available to the public on the Department’s sunset Internet Web site at the following address: “<http://ia.ita.doc.gov/sunset/>.” All submissions in these Sunset Reviews must be filed in accordance with the Department’s regulations regarding format, translation, service, and certification of documents. These rules can be found at 19 CFR 351.303.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.103 (c), the Department will maintain and make available a service list for these proceedings. To facilitate the timely preparation of the service list(s), it is requested that those seeking recognition as interested parties to a proceeding contact the Department in writing within 10 days of the publication of the Notice of Initiation.

Because deadlines in Sunset Reviews can be very short, we urge interested parties to apply for access to proprietary information under administrative

protective order (“APO”) immediately following publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The Department’s regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304-306.

Information Required From Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties defined in section 771(9)(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b) wishing to participate in a Sunset Review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with the Department’s regulations, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, the Department will automatically revoke the order without further review. See 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(iii).

If we receive an order-specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the Department’s regulations provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in the Sunset Review must file complete substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order-specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic parties. Also, note that the Department’s information requirements are distinct from the Commission’s information requirements. Please consult the Department’s regulations for information regarding the Department’s conduct of Sunset Reviews.¹ Please consult the Department’s regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 for definitions of terms

¹ In comments made on the interim final sunset regulations, a number of parties stated that the proposed five-day period for rebuttals to substantive responses to a notice of initiation was insufficient. This requirement was retained in the final sunset regulations at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(4). As provided in 19 CFR 351.302(b), however, the Department will consider individual requests to extend that five-day deadline based upon a showing of good cause.

and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218 (c).

Dated: August 20, 2008.

Edward C. Yang,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 080506635-8697-01]

Announcing Approval of the Withdrawal of Ten Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Secretary of Commerce has approved the withdrawal of ten Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS).

These FIPS are being withdrawn because they are obsolete, or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, federal specifications, federal data standards, or current good practices for information security. Some of these FIPS adopt voluntary industry standards. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards are no longer needed.

Some of these FIPS adopt data standards that are developed and used by other Federal government agencies. These FIPS have not been updated to reflect changes and modifications that have been made to the data standards. The remaining FIPS adopt obsolete Federal specifications for information access and for information security. More recent advisory guidance has been issued concerning access to publicly available government information and computer data authentication. Federal agencies are responsible for using current voluntary industry standards and current federal specifications and data standards in their acquisition and management activities.

DATES: This withdrawal is effective September 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley M. Radack, (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, STOP 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, e-mail: shirley.radack@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 40984-85) on July 15, 2005, announcing the proposed withdrawal of the ten Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). The **Federal Register** notice solicited comments on the proposed withdrawal of the FIPS from the public, research communities, manufacturers, voluntary standards organizations, and Federal, State, and local government organizations. In addition to being published in the **Federal Register**, the notice was posted on the NIST Web pages. Information was provided about the submission of electronic comments.

Comments were received from one federal government organization. No comments were received from industry organizations or individuals.

Following is a summary of the comments received.

Comments were received from the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Scientific and Technical Information. The DOE comments supported the withdrawal of FIPS 192, Application Profile for the Government Information Locator Service (GILS), and FIPS 192-1 (a)&(b), Application Profile for the Government Information Locator Service (GILS). DOE agreed that the withdrawal of these standards was appropriate since technology advances have made the standards obsolete.

DOE stated that the GILS standard was created in 1994 to provide a mechanism for users to identify, locate, and access or acquire publicly available federal information resources. However, in the years since GILS was issued, advances in technology have made the standard obsolete. Today there are many tools available for finding information on the Internet, including Google, FirstGov, Meta Search Engines, and the Open Archives Initiative. These newer techniques enable agencies to avoid the ongoing, resource intensive cataloging efforts mandated by the GILS.

No comments were received concerning the other standards that had been proposed for withdrawal.

The FIPS number, title, and technical specifications for each of the ten FIPS being withdrawn are:

FIPS 4-2, Representation of Calendar Date to Facilitate Interchange of Data Among Information Systems; adopts

American National Standard ANSI X3.30-1997: Representation of Date for Information Interchange (revision of ANSI X3.30-1985 (R1991)).

FIPS 5-2, Codes for the Identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the Outlying Areas of the United States, and Associated Areas.

FIPS 6-4, Counties and Equivalent Entities of the U.S., Its Possessions, and Associated Areas.

FIPS 10-4, Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and Their Principal Administrative Divisions.

FIPS 113, Computer Data Authentication.

FIPS 161-2, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) (adopts families of EDI standards known as X12, UN/EDIFACT and HL7).

FIPS 183, Integration Definition for Function Modeling (IDEFO).

FIPS 184, Integration Definition for Information Modeling (IDEX).

FIPS 192, Application Profile for the Government Information Locator Service (GILS).

FIPS 192-1 (a)&(b), Application Profile for the Government Information Locator Service (GILS).

Once the FIPS are withdrawn, information on them may be found at: <http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/withdraw.htm>. Withdrawal means that these FIPS will no longer be part of a subscription service that is provided by the National Technical Information Service. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods.

Current versions of the data standards and specifications are available through the Web pages of the Federal agencies that develop and maintain the data codes. NIST will keep references to these withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS Web pages, and will link to current versions of these standards and specifications where appropriate.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

E.O. 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

James M. Turner,
Deputy Director.

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