Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the U.S. Aerospace Trade and Investment Mission must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. The mission is designed for a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 20 companies will be considered for this mission. U.S. companies already doing business in the target markets as well as U.S. companies seeking to enter these markets for the first time are encouraged to apply.

Fees and Expenses

After a company has been selected to participate in the mission, a participation fee paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce is required. The participation fee will be $3,000 for large firms and $2,000 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME),* with up to two company representatives. The fee for a third company representative is $250. Expenses for travel, lodging, in-country transportation (except for bus transportation to visit local aerospace OEMs on the third day of the mission), meals and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.
- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services to be promoted through the mission are either produced in the United States or marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

Selection Criteria for Participation

For Companies:
- Suitability of the company’s products or services for the Canadian aerospace market
- Applicant’s potential for business in Canada, including the likelihood of exports resulting from the mission
- Consistency of the applicant’s goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission
- Diversity of company size, type, location, and demographics and traditional underrepresentation in business, may also be considered during the review process.
- Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant’s submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, and will commence as soon as the trade mission is approved. Outreach will include publication in the Federal Register, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tnca1.html) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. CS Canada intends to conduct a webinar on “Opportunities in the Canadian Aerospace Market” to supplement recruitment efforts in January/February 2011.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and close on March 14, 2011. Applications received after March 21, 2011 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Applications will be available online on the mission Web site at: http://www.buyusa.gov/Canada.

Information can also be obtained by contacting the mission contacts listed below.

Contacts: Gina Rebelo Bento, Commercial Specialist—Aerospace, U.S. Consulate General in Montreal, PO Box 65 Desjardins Station, Montreal, QC H5B 1G1, Tel: 514–908–3660, E-mail: Gina.Bento@trade.gov.

Frank Spector, Global Trade Programs, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Activity Submissions

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jackie Wilson, (240) 338–3936 or Jackie.Wilson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), Scientific Research Permits (SRPs), Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment (LOAs), and Shark Research Permits are issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and/or the
Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.). Issuance of EFPs and related permits are necessary for the collection of Highly Migratory Species (HMS) for public display and scientific research that is exempt from regulations (e.g., seasons, protected species, authorized gear, and minimum sizes) that may prohibit the collection of live animals or biological samples. A Display Permit is issued for the collection of HMS for the purpose of public display whereas a Shark Research Permit allows the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and commercial shark fishermen to conduct cooperative research to collect fishery-dependent data for management of the Atlantic shark fishery.

The regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activities, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not consider scientific research to be “fishing,” scientific research is exempt from this statute, and NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (e.g., research conducted from a research vessel and not a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species that are regulated only under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (e.g., most species of sharks) and not under ATCA. NMFS requests copies of scientific research plans for these activities and indicates concurrence by issuing a LOA to researchers to indicate that the proposed activity meets the definition of research and is therefore exempt from regulation.

Scientific research is not exempt from regulation under ATCA. NMFS issues SRPs for collection of species managed under this statute (e.g., tunas, swordfish, billfish), which authorize researchers to collect HMS from bona fide research vessels (e.g., NMFS or university research vessel.) NMFS will issue an EFP when research/collection involving Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and billfish occurs from commercial or recreational fishing platforms.

To regulate these fishing activities, NMFS needs information to determine the justification of granting an EFP, LOA, SRP, Display or Shark Research Permit. The application requirements are detailed at 50 CFR 600.745(b)(2). Interim, annual and no-catch/fishing reports must also be submitted to the HMS Management Division within NMFS. The authority for the HMS Management Division for requiring this information is found at 50 CFR 635.32(a).

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submitting include e-mail of electronic forms, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0471.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).
Affected Public: Non-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.
Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours for a scientific research plan; 40 minutes for an application for an EFP, Display Permit, SRP, Shark Research Permit or LOA for HMS; 1 hour for an interim report; 40 minutes for an annual fishing report; 15 minutes for an application for an amendment; 5 minutes for notification of departure phone calls to NMFS Enforcement; 2 minutes for “no-catch” reports; and 2 minutes for tag applications.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 236.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $119 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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 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 5, 2011.
Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request: Reporting of Pre-Enactment Swap Transactions

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment. The Commission recently adopted an interim final rule, as required by the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank Act”), requiring counterparties to a pre-enactment uneXpired swap to report such swaps according to such rules as the Commission may in the future adopt. This notice solicits comments on the record retention requirement that is embedded in the interim final rule’s reporting requirement, which was recognized by the Commission in an interpretive note to the final rule.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Pre-Enactment Swap Collection,” by any of the following methods:
• The Agency’s Web site, at http://comments.cftc.gov/. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.
• Mail: David A. Stawick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.
• Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to http://www.cftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Nathan, Division of Market Oversight, Senior Special Counsel, CFTC, (202) 418–5133; e-mail: snathan@cftc.gov.