ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Notice of Public Meetings of Committees of the Administrative Conference of the United States

AGENCY: Administrative Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of three public meetings: two public meetings of the Committee on Regulation and a committee meeting of the Committee on Adjudication of the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States. Notice is also given of the cancellation of one public meeting of the Committee on Regulation. At these meetings, the committees will consider draft reports and recommendations.

DATES: Committee on Regulation: Wednesday April 4, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, May 3, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that the Committee on Regulation’s meeting that was previously scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is hereby cancelled. Committee on Adjudication: Thursday April 5, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADRESSES: The meetings will be held at 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reeve T. Bull (Committee on Regulation) or Funmi E. Olorunnipa (Committee on Adjudication), Designated Federal Officers, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1120 20th Street NW., Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone 202–480–2080; Email rbull@acus.gov or folorunnipa@acus.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Complete details regarding the committee meetings, the nature of the projects, how to attend (including information about remote access and obtaining special accommodations for persons with disabilities), and how to submit comments to each committee can be found on the Conference’s Web site, at http://www.acus.gov. Click on “Research,” then on “Committee Meetings.”

Comments may be submitted by email to Comments@acus.gov, with the name of the appropriate committee in the subject line, or by postal mail to the appropriate committee at the address given below.

Committee on Regulation

The April 18, 2012 meeting of the Committee on Regulation, which was previously announced in the February 6, 2012 Federal Register (77 FR 5755), has been cancelled, and two additional meetings have been scheduled for April 4 and May 3, 2012. The Science in the Administrative Process project, which was scheduled to be discussed at the April 18 meeting, will be postponed, with additional meetings likely to take place in the fall of 2012. At the upcoming meetings, the Committee on Regulation will consider a report and set of draft recommendations dealing with regulatory analysis requirements. The report, authored by Curtis W. Copeland, analyzes the various regulatory analysis requirements with which agencies must comply and offers a set of recommendations for streamlining those processes. Reeve T. Bull is the Designated Federal Officer for this committee. More information can be found in the “Research” section of the Conference’s Web site, at http://www.acus.gov. Click on “Research,” then on “Conference Projects,” and then on “Review of Regulatory Analysis Requirements.”

Committee on Adjudication

An additional meeting of the Committee on Adjudication has been scheduled for April 5, 2012. This meeting is in addition to the Committee’s April 23, 2012 meeting, which will occur as scheduled. At the meeting, the Committee on Adjudication will discuss further a draft report on the Immigration Adjudication Project and a draft recommendation based on the consultants’ report. The report, prepared by Professor Lenni B. Benson (New York Law School) and Russell Wheeler (Brookings Institution), presents the findings of a study of potential improvements to the procedures for immigration adjudication. Funmi E. Olorunnipa is the Designated Federal Officer for this committee. More information can be found in the “About” section of the Conference’s Web site, at http://www.acus.gov. Click on “About,” then on “The Committees,” and then on “Committee on Adjudication.”


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program 2012 Industry Forums—Open Teleconference and/or Web Conference Meetings

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a series of teleconference and/or web conference meetings regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, which are scheduled to occur during the months of April, June, and November of 2012. This notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or web conference meetings.

DATES: The dates and times for the teleconference and/or web conference meetings will be announced via email to parties registered as described below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to register for the calls and obtain the call-in number, access code, web link and other information for any of the public teleconferences and/or web conferences may contact Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, Multifamily Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 720–1251, fax: (202) 205–5066, or email: monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov. Those who request registration less than 15...
calendar days prior to the date of a teleconference and/or web conference meetings may not receive notice of that teleconference and/or web conference meeting, but will receive notice of future teleconference and/or web conference meetings. The Agency expects to accommodate each participant’s preferred form of participation by telephone or via web link. However, if it appears that existing capabilities may prevent the Agency from accommodating all requests for one form of participation, each participant will be notified and encouraged to consider an alternative form of participation. Individuals who plan to participate and need language translation assistance should inform Monica Cole within 10 business days in advance of the meeting date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.
- Establish a two-way communications forum to update industry participants and Rural Housing Service (RHS) staff.
- Enhance RHS’ awareness of the market and other forces that impact the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

Topics to be discussed could include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- Updates on USDA’s Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program activities.
- Perspectives on the current state of debt financing and its impact on the Section 538 program.
- Enhancing the use of Section 538 financing with the transfer and/or preservation of Section 515 developments.
- The impact of Low Income Housing Tax Credits program changes on Section 538 financing.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Interim Procedures for Considering Requests under the Commercial Availability Provision of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission (new information collection).

Burden Hours: 89.

Number of Respondents: 16.

Average Hours per Response: 8 hours for Request for Commercial Availability Determination; 2 hours for Response to a Request; and 1 hour for Rebuttal.

Needs and Uses: The United States and Korea negotiated the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”), which entered into force on March 15, 2012. Subject to the rules of origin in Annex 4–A of the Agreement, pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement, textile and apparel articles must contain fiber, yarn, and fabric produced in Korea or the United States to receive duty-free tariff treatment. Appendix 4–B–1 of the Agreement will contain a list of specific fiber, yarn, or fabric that either importing Party determined, based on information supplied by interested entities, that the fiber, yarn, or fabric is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in its territory, or if no interested entity objects to the request. Textile and apparel articles containing these fibers, yarns, or fabrics would also be entitled to duty-free or preferential duty treatment despite not being produced in Korea or the United States.

The list of commercially unavailable fibers, yarns, and fabrics may be changed pursuant to the commercial availability provision in Chapter 4, Annex 4–B, Paragraphs 1–13 of the Agreement. Under this provision, interested entities from the United States or Korea have the right to request that a specific fiber, yarn, or fabric be added to, or removed from, the list of commercially unavailable fibers, yarns, and fabrics in Appendix 4–B–1. Section 202(o)(3) of the Act provides that the President may modify the list of fibers, yarns and fabrics in Appendix 4–B–1 by determining whether additional fibers, yarns, or fabrics are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the United States, and that the President will issue procedures governing the submission of requests and providing an opportunity for interested entities to submit comments. The President delegated the responsibility for publishing the procedures and administering commercial availability requests to the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA), which issues procedures and acts on requests through the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA). OTEXA was unable to publish these procedures earlier and is requesting an emergency review of the information collection and procedures from the Office of Management and Budget.

CITA must collect information about fiber, yarn or fabric technical specifications and the production capabilities of U.S. textile producers to determine whether certain fibers, yarns, or fabrics are available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the United States, subject to Section 202(o)(3) of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.


Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Department Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at jJessup@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by April 16, 2012 to Wendy Liberante,