I. Abstract
The Census Bureau plans to continue the current OMB clearance for the Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (QPC). The QPC is conducted quarterly, collecting from manufacturing plants and publishers, the value of actual production, the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at “full production” levels, and the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at “national emergency” levels. The survey also collects data on work patterns by shift. These data include hours in operation, production workers, and plant hours worked.

The primary users of these data will be the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The FRB will use these data in several ways. First, the capital workweek data will be used as an indicator of capital use in the estimation of monthly output (industrial production). Second, the workweek data will be used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align industrial production (IP) with comprehensive benchmark information in the Economic Census, Manufacturing and Annual Survey of Manufactures. Third, the utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes. The DLA will use these data to assess readiness to meet demand for goods under selected national emergency scenarios.

II. Method of Collection
The Census Bureau will use the mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. We also offer an electronic version of the form for reporting via the Internet. Companies will be asked to respond within 20 days of the initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time. Subsequent to the letter, we will conduct a telephone follow-up.

III. Data
OMB Control Number: 0607–0175.
Form Number: MQ–C2.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Manufacturing and publishing plants.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500 per quarter.
Estimated Time per Response: 2.00 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 60,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $1,989,000.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S. Code, Sections 182.

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.

Glenna Mickelson,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Award Amendment Requests and Project Service Maps

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

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, as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2012.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to John Cobb, Program Analyst, Office of Regional Affairs, Room 7009, Economic Development Administration, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482–0951, facsimile (202) 482–2838 (or via the Internet at John.f.cobb@eda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract
The mission of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the Federal economic agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. In order to effectively administer and monitor its economic development assistance programs, EDA collects certain information from applications for, and recipients of, EDA investment assistance. A recipient must submit a written request to EDA to amend an investment award and provide such information and documentation as EDA deems necessary to determine the merit of altering the terms of an award (see 13 CFR 302.7(a) of EDA’s regulations). EDA may require a recipient to submit a project service map and information from which to determine whether services are provided to all segments of the region being assisted (see CFR 302.16(c) of EDA’s regulations).

II. Method of Collection

III. Data
OMB Control Number: 0610–0102.
Agency Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).
Affected Public: Current recipients of EDA assistance, to include (1) cities or other political subdivisions of a city, including a special purpose unit of state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (2) states; (3) institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; (4) public or private non-profit organizations or associations; (5) District Organizations; and (6) Indian Tribes or a consortia of Indian Tribes; and (7) (for training, research, and technical assistance awards only) individuals and for-profit businesses.
Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 632 (600 requests for
amendments to construction awards, 30 requests for amendments to non-construction awards, 2 project service maps).

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours for an amendment to a construction award, 1 hour for an amendment to a non-construction award, 6 hours for a project service map.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,242.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $0.

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.


Glenna MicKelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 26–2012]

Foreign-Trade Zone 277—Western Maricopa County, AZ; Application for Manufacturing Authority; Suntech Arizona, Inc., (Solar Panel Manufacturing), Goodyear, AZ

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Maricopa Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 277, requesting manufacturing authority on behalf of Suntech Arizona, Inc. (Suntech), located in Goodyear, Arizona. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 27, 2012.

The Suntech facility (100 employees, 117,000 square feet, 50 megawatt annual capacity) is located within Site 5 of FTZ 277. The facility is used for the manufacture of 275 and 290 watt solar panels for industrial use. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 80% of the value of the finished product) include: Junction boxes, silicone sealant, putty/caulkling compounds, plastic sheets, glass, tin-coated copper strips, aluminum frames, insulation strips, and copper bars (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 5.3%).

FTZ procedures could exempt Suntech from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. The company has no current exports, but has indicated that it may export in the future. On its domestic sales, Suntech would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to solar panels (duty-free) for the foreign inputs noted above. Suntech would also be exempt from duty payments on any of these foreign inputs that become scrap or waste during manufacturing. FTZ designation would further allow Suntech to realize logistical benefits through certain customs procedures. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant’s international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 4, 2012. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to June 18, 2012.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov or (202) 482–1367.

Dated: March 27, 2012.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–552–801]

Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Extension of Preliminary Results of Eighth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the “Department”) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review, and aligned new shipper reviews, of certain frozen fish fillets (“fish fillets”) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (“Vietnam”). These reviews cover the period August 1, 2010, through July 31, 2011.

DATES: Effective Date: April 4, 2012.


Background

On October 3, 2011, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation for the eighth administrative review of the antidumping duty order on fish fillets from Vietnam.1 On October 3, 2011 the Department published a notice of initiation for the eighth new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on fish fillets from Vietnam.2 On March 15, 2012 the Department aligned the eighth administrative review with the eighth new shipper reviews of fish fillets from Vietnam.3 The preliminary

