DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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


Title: Southeast Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and Related Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0544.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 905.

Average Hours per Response:
- Installation/activation checklist, 15 minutes; power down exemption request, 5 minutes; fishing activity report, 1 minute. Annual maintenance is 2 hours, but not counted as a response.
- Burden Hours: 2,383.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of the current information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the reef fish fishery in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico under the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The vessel monitoring system (VMS) regulations for the Gulf reef fish fishery may be found at 50 CFR 622.9.

The FMP contains several area-specific regulations where fishing is restricted or prohibited in order to protect habitat or spawning aggregations, or to reduce fishing pressure in areas that are heavily fished. Unlike size, bag, and trip limits, where the catch can be monitored onshore when a vessel returns to port, area restrictions require at-sea enforcement. However, at-sea enforcement of offshore area restrictions is difficult due to the distance from shore and the limited number of patrol vessels, resulting in a need to improve enforceability of area fishing restrictions through remote sensing methods. In addition, all fishing gears are subject to some area fishing restrictions. Because of the sizes of these areas and the distances from shore, the effectiveness of enforcement through overflights and at-sea interception is limited. An electronic VMS allows a more effective means to monitor vessels for intrusions into restricted areas.

The VMS provides effort data and significantly aids in enforcement of areas closed to fishing. All position reports are treated in accordance with NMFS existing guidelines for confidential data. As a condition of authorized fishing for or possession of Reef Fish in or from the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), a vessel owner or operator subject to the requirements for a VMS in this section must allow NMFS, the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and their authorized officers and designees, access to the vessel’s position data obtained from the VMS.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually, one time and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.


Gwennlnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Now, therefore, the Board adopts the following proposal for collection of information:

The application for manufacturing authority under zone procedures within FTZ 99 on behalf of Fisker Automotive, Inc. (Fisker), as described in the application and Federal Register notice, is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, and further subject to the following condition:

Fisker must admit all foreign man-made fiber and cotton bags (HTSUS Subheadings 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.4500, 4202.92.9060, 4202.99.9000, 6305.20), labels and cords (6307.90), and felt (5602.90) to the zone under privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) or domestic (duty-paid) status (19 CFR 146.43).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of September 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board
[Order No. 1859]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Tesla Motors, Inc., (Electric Passenger Vehicles), Palo Alto and Fremont, CA

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for * * * the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to
qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board’s regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved, and when the activity results in a significant public benefit and is in the public interest;

Whereas, the City of San Jose, California, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 18, has made application to the Board for authority to establish a special-purpose subzone at the electric passenger vehicle manufacturing facilities of Tesla Motors, Inc., located in Palo Alto and Fremont, California (FTZ Docket 3–2012, filed 1–10–2012);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the Federal Register (77 FR 2269, 1–17–2012) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and, the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for activity related to the manufacturing of electric passenger vehicles and related powertrain components at the Tesla Motors, Inc., facilities located in Palo Alto and Fremont, California (Subzone 18G), as described in the application and Federal Register notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of September 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest: Andrew McGillvray, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[2012–A–570–983]

Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Investigation

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

DATES: Effective Date: October 4, 2012.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) preliminarily determines that drawn stainless steel sinks (“drawn sinks”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 733 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The period of investigation (“POI”) is July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the “Preliminary Determination” section of this notice. The final determination will be issued 135 days after publication of this preliminary determination in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Veith or Eve Wang, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4295 or (202) 482–6231, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by the scope of this investigation are drawn stainless steel sinks with single or multiple drawn bowls, with or without drain boards, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of type of finish, gauge, or grade of stainless steel. Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound-deadening pads are also covered by the scope of these investigations if they are included within the sales price of the drawn stainless steel sinks.¹ For purposes of this scope definition, the term “drawn” refers to a manufacturing process using metal forming technology to produce a smooth basin with seamless, smooth, and rounded corners. Drawn stainless steel sinks are available in various shapes and configurations and may be described in a number of ways including flush mount, top mount, or undermount (to indicate the attachment relative to the countertop). Stainless steel sinks with multiple drawn bowls that are joined through a welding operation to form one unit are covered by the scope of the investigations. Drawn stainless steel sinks are covered by the scope of the investigations whether or not they are sold in conjunction with non-subject accessories such as faucets (whether attached or unattached), strainers, strainer sets, rinsing baskets, bottom grids, or other accessories.

Excluded from the scope of the investigations are stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls. Fabricated bowls do not have seamless corners, but rather are made by notching and bending the stainless steel, and then welding and finishing the vertical corners to form the bowls. Stainless steel sinks with fabricated bowls may sometimes be referred to as “zero radius” or “near zero radius” sinks.

The products covered by these investigations are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) under statistical reporting number 7324.10.0000 and 7324.10.00.10. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Methodology

The Department has conducted this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Export prices have been calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Because the PRC is a nonmarket economy within the meaning of section 771(18) of the Act, normal value (“NV”) has been calculated in accordance with section 773(c). Specifically, the Department preliminarily selected Thailand as the surrogate country, which is economically comparable to the PRC and is a significant producer of comparable merchandise. Thus, we calculated NV using Thai prices, when available, to value the respondents’ factors of production (“FOPs”).

For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, please see “Decision Memorandum for Preliminary Determination for the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People’s Republic of China,” (“Preliminary Decision Memorandum”) from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations to Paul Piquado, Assistant

¹ Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound-deadening pads are not covered by the scope of these investigations if they are not included within the sales price of the drawn stainless steel sinks, regardless of whether they are shipped with or entered with drawn stainless steel sinks.