
III. Panel II—11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Experts will discuss the broader conflict between anti-discrimination norms and civil liberties—Speakers’ Remarks and Questions from Commissioners

IV. Adjourn Briefing

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at signlanguage@usitc.gov at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

TinaLouise Martin, Director of Management/Human Resources.

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).

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Interim Procedures for Considering Requests from the Public for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Actions on Imports from Panama.

OMB Control Number: None.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

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

Burden Hours: 24.

Number of respondents: 6 (1 for Request; 5 for Comments).

Average Hours per Response: 4 hours for a Request; and 4 hours for each Comment.

Needs and Uses: Title III, Subtitle B, Section 321 through Section 328 of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (the Act) [Pub. L. 112–43] implements the textile and apparel safeguard provisions, provided for in Article 3.24 of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (the Agreement). This safeguard mechanism applies when, as a result of the elimination of a customs duty under the Agreement, a Panamanian textile or apparel article is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage or actual threat thereof to a U.S. industry producing a like or directly competitive article. In these circumstances, Article 3.24 permits the United States to increase duties on the imported article from Panama to a level that does not exceed the lesser of the prevailing U.S. normal trade relations (NTR)/most-favored-nation (MFN) duty rate for the article or the U.S. NTR/MFN duty rate in effect on the day the Agreement entered into force.

The Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the Act provides that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) will issue procedures for requesting such safeguard measures, for making its determinations under Section 322(a) of the Act, and for providing relief under Section 322(b) of the Act.

In Proclamation No. 8894 (77 FR 66507, November 5, 2012), the President delegated to CITA his authority under Subtitle B of Title III of the Act with respect to textile and apparel safeguard measures.

CITA must collect information in order to determine whether a domestic textile or apparel industry is being adversely impacted by imports of these products from Panama, thereby allowing CITA to take corrective action to protect the viability of the domestic textile or apparel industry subject to Section 322(b) of the Act.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; 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, 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 jjessup@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Wendy Liberante, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395–5167 or via the Internet at Wendyl._Liberante@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

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

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): N/A.

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

Burden Hours: 89.

Number of Respondents: 16 (10 for Requests; 3 for Responses; 3 for Rebuttals).

Average Hours per Response: Request, 8 hours; Response, 2 hours; and Rebuttal, 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: Title II, Section 203(o) of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act (the Act) [Pub. L. 112–43] implements the commercial availability provision provided for in Article 3.25 of the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (the Agreement). The Agreement entered into force on October 31, 2012. Subject to the rules of origin in Annex 4.1 of the Agreement, and pursuant to the textile provisions of the Agreement, a fabric, yarn, or fiber produced in Panama or the United States and traded between the two countries is entitled to duty-free tariff treatment. Annex 3.25 of the Agreement also lists specific fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the two countries agreed are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner from producers in Panama or the United States. The fabrics listed are commercially unavailable fabrics, yarns, and fibers, which are also entitled to duty-free treatment despite not being produced in Panama or the United States.

The list of commercially unavailable fabrics, yarns, and fibers may be changed pursuant to the commercial
availability provision in Chapter 3, Article 3.25, Paragraphs 4–6 of the Agreement. Under this provision, interested entities from Panama or the United States have the right to request that a specific fabric, yarn, or fiber be added to, or removed from, the list of commercially unavailable fabrics, yarns, and fibers in Annex 3.25 of the Agreement.

Chapter 3, Article 3.25, paragraph 6 of the Agreement requires that the President “promptly” publish procedures for parties to exercise the right to make these requests. Section 203(o)(4) of the Act authorizes the President to establish procedures to modify the list of fabrics, yarns, or fibers not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in either the United States or Panama as set out in Annex 3.25 of the Agreement. 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 (See Proclamation No. 8894, 77 FR 66507, November 5, 2012).

The intent of the Commercial Availability Procedures is to foster the use of U.S. and regional products by implementing procedures that allow products to be placed on or removed from a product list, on a timely basis, and in a manner that is consistent with normal business practice. The procedures are intended to facilitate the transmission of requests; allow the market to indicate the availability of the supply of products that are the subject of requests; make available promptly, to interested entities and the public, information regarding the requests for products and offers received for those products; ensure wide participation by interested entities and parties; allow for careful review and consideration of information provided to substantiate requests and responses; and provide timely public dissemination of information used by CITA in making commercial availability determinations.

CITA must collect certain information about fabric, yarn, or fiber technical specifications and the production capabilities of Panamanian and U.S. textile producers to determine whether certain fabrics, yarns, or fibers are available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the United States or Panama, subject to Section 203(o) of the Act.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.


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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, via fax to (202) 395–5167 or the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

Gwennlair Banks,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: BIS Program Evaluation. OMB Control Number: 0694–0125. Form Number(s): N/A. Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of currently approved information collection).

Burden Hours: 500.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to obtain feedback from seminar participants. This information helps BIS determine the effectiveness of its programs and identifies areas for improvement. The gathering of performance measures on the BIS seminar program is also essential in meeting the agency’s responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395–3123.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1885]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 72 (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework; Indianapolis, Indiana

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 Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Indianapolis Airport Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 72, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B–71–2012, docketed 9/19/2012) for authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Union and Vermillion Counties, as described in the application, adjacent to the Indianapolis, Indiana Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (77 FR 59373–69374, 9/27/2012) 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 are satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders: