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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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0360.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (revision and extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 344.

Average Hours per Response: Vessel marking, 45 minutes except for purse seine vessels, 1 hour, 15 minutes. Gear, 5 minutes for each piece of gear.

Burden Hours: 2,352.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Regulations at 50 CFR 665.16 require that all U.S. vessels with Federal permits fishing for Western Pacific fishery management unit species display identification markings on the vessel and gear, as specified in 50 CFR 665 and 50 CFR 300. Vessels registered for use with a permit issued under Subparts B through E and Subparts G through I of 50 CFR 665, must display the vessel's official number on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck. Vessels fishing in the Western and Central Pacific Convention (WCPFC) Area with a WCPFC Area Endorsement, or required to have a WCPFC Area Endorsement, must comply with the regulations at 50 CFR 300.14 and 50 CFR 300.217. These regulations require that vessels must display their international radio call sign on both sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck, unless specifically exempted. Regulations at 50 CFR 300.35 require that vessels fishing under the South Pacific Tuna Treaty must display their international radio call sign on the hull, the deck, and on the sides of auxiliary equipment such as skiffs and helicopters. The numbers must be a specific size at specified

locations. The display of the identifying numbers aids in fishery law enforcement.

Western Pacific fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 665.128, 665.228, 665.428, 665.628 and 665.804 require that certain fishing gear must be marked. In the pelagic longline fisheries, the vessel operator must ensure that the official number of the vessel is affixed to every longline buoy and float. In the coral reef ecosystem fisheries, the vessel number must be affixed to all fish and crab traps. The marking of gear links fishing or other activity to the vessel, aids law enforcement, and is valuable in actions concerning the damage, loss of gear, and civil proceedings.

Revision: New permit programs now require vessel and gear marking for their vessels.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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* or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 21, 2014.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of the application period for membership on the Manufacturing Council.

SUMMARY: On September 10, 2014 the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking applications for appointment of up to 30 members of the Manufacturing Council (Council) for a two-year term to begin in December 2014. The September 10, 2014 notice provided that all applications must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach of the Department of Commerce by close of business on

October 14, 2014. This notice extends the application period in order to provide the public with an additional opportunity to submit applications. The eligibility and evaluation criteria contained in the September 10, 2014 notice shall continue to apply. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing sector and to provide regular communication between Government and the manufacturing sector.

The Industry and Analysis unit of the International Trade Administration oversees the administration of the Council and collaborates with Congress and other stakeholders to increase the global competitiveness of the U.S. manufacturing sector.

DATES: All applications for immediate consideration for appointment must be received by the Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday, November 14, 2014. After that date, ITA will continue to accept applications under this notice for a period of up to two years from the deadline to fill any vacancies that may arise.

ADDRESSES: Please submit applications via email to mc@trade.gov or by mail to Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach, Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach, Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, email: mc@trade.gov. Additional information is also available on the Manufacturing Council Web site at <http://trade.gov/manufacturingcouncil>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Advisory Committees and Industry Outreach is extending the application deadline for accepting applications for 30 positions on the Council for a two-year term beginning in December of 2014. The criteria and procedures for selecting the members contained in the September 10, 2014 notice continue to apply and are republished herein for convenience.

The Council advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry, including on government policies and programs that affect the U.S. manufacturing industry and identifying and recommending programs and policies to

help United States manufacturers maintain competitiveness both at home and abroad.

The Council provides a means of ensuring regular contact between the U.S. Government and the manufacturing sector, acting as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership, and may provide a forum for those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the manufacturing sector. The Council shall recommend ways to ensure that the United States remains the preeminent destination for investment in manufacturing throughout the world.

The Council shall report to the Secretary on its activities and recommendations regarding United States manufacturing. In creating the reports, the Council should: Survey and evaluate the manufacturing activities of the stakeholders represented by the membership; identify and examine specific problems facing the manufacturing industry; examine the needs of the industry to expand the Council's efforts; and recommend specific solutions to these problems and needs.

The Council functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of FACA.

Members will be selected in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines based on each individual's ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing sector, to act as a liaison among the stakeholders represented by the membership, and to represent the viewpoint of those stakeholders on current and emerging issues in the manufacturing sector. In assessing this ability, the Department will consider such factors as, but not limited to, the candidate's proven experience in promoting, developing and marketing programs in support of manufacturing industries, job creation in the manufacturing sector, and the candidate's proven abilities to manage manufacturing organizations. Given the duties and objectives of the Council, the Department particularly seeks applicants who are active manufacturing executives (Chief Executive Officer, President, or a comparable level of responsibility) who are leaders within their local manufacturing communities and industry sectors. The Council's membership shall reflect the diversity of American manufacturing by representing a balanced cross-section of the U.S. manufacturing industry in terms of industry sectors, geographic locations, demographics, and company

size, particularly seeking the representation of small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The Secretary of Commerce appoints all Council members. All Council members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Council members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of a U.S. entity in the manufacturing industry and its particular sector. For the purposes of eligibility, a U.S. entity is defined as a firm incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated firm with its principal place of business in the United States) that is (a) majority controlled (more than 50% ownership interest and/or voting stock) by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity or (b) majority controlled (more than 50% ownership interest and/or voting stock) directly or indirectly by a foreign parent company.

Because Council members serve in a representative capacity, expressing the views and interests of a U.S. entity, they are therefore not Special Government Employees. Council members receive no compensation for their participation in Council activities. Members participating in Council meetings and events are responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings are held regularly and not less than annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Council's meetings. To be considered for membership, an applicant must provide the following information, statements and documents. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her entity's letterhead containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Council. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant's manufacturing-related experience, including any manufacturing trade policy experience.
3. The applicant's personal resume.
4. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria.
5. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.
6. Information regarding the ownership and control of the entity to be represented, including the governing structure and stock holdings, as appropriate, demonstrating compliance with the criteria set forth above.
7. The entity's size, place of incorporation or principal place of

business, additional manufacturing, innovation and R&D locations, product line, major markets in which the entity operates, and the entity's exporting experience.

8. Information on the challenges the entity faces to stay competitive as a U.S. manufacturer, and the priorities the entity would hope to see the Manufacturing Council address during their term.

9. Please include all relevant contact information such as mailing address, fax, email, phone number, and support staff information where relevant.

Dated: October 21, 2014.

Jennifer Pilat,

Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Subsidy Programs Provided by Countries Exporting Softwood Lumber and Softwood Lumber Products to the United States; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Department) seeks public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

DATES: Comments must be submitted within thirty days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: See the Submission of Comments section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Terpstra, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 18, 2008, section 805 of Title VIII of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008) was enacted into law. Under this provision, the Secretary of Commerce is mandated to submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a report every 180 days on any subsidy provided by countries exporting softwood lumber or