

on which it first shipped xanthan gum for export to the United States and the date on which the xanthan gum was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; (2) the volume of its first shipment; and (3) the date of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.⁹

The Department conducted a CBP database query and confirmed by examining the results of the CBP data query that Inner Mongolia Jianlong's subject merchandise entered the United States during the POR specified by the Department's regulations.¹⁰

Period of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A), the POR for the new shipper review of Inner Mongolia Jianlong is July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.¹¹

Initiation of New Shipper Review

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.214(b), and based on the information on the record, the Department finds that Inner Mongolia Jianlong meets the threshold requirements for initiation of a new shipper review of its shipment of xanthan gum from the PRC.¹² However, if the information supplied by Inner Mongolia Jianlong is later found to be incorrect or insufficient during the course of this proceeding, the Department may rescind the review or apply facts available pursuant to section 776 of the Act, depending upon the facts on the record.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), the Department will publish the notice of initiation of a new shipper review no later than the last day of the month following the anniversary month or semiannual anniversary month of the order. The Department intends to issue the preliminary results of this review no later than 180 days from the date of initiation, and the final results of this review no later than 90 days after the date the preliminary results are issued.¹³

It is the Department's usual practice, in cases involving non-market economies ("NME"), to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate

from the NME-wide entity to provide evidence of the absence of *de jure* and *de facto* government control over the company's export activities.¹⁴ Accordingly, the Department will issue a questionnaire to Inner Mongolia Jianlong which will include a section requesting information with regard to its export activities for the purpose of establishing Inner Mongolia Jianlong's eligibility for a separate rate. The review of Inner Mongolia Jianlong will proceed if the evidence provides sufficient indication that Inner Mongolia Jianlong is not subject to either *de jure* or *de facto* government control with respect to its exports of subject merchandise.

The Department will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for entries of subject merchandise from Inner Mongolia Jianlong in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e). Because Inner Mongolia Jianlong certified that it produced and exported the subject merchandise that is the subject of this new shipper review, the Department will apply the bonding privilege only for subject merchandise produced and exported by Inner Mongolia Jianlong.

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in this new shipper review should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: August 21, 2015.

Gary Taverman,

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Baldrige Executive Fellows Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

¹⁴ See *Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review*, 79 FR 11083, 11084 (February 27, 2014).

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 26, 2015.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dawn Bailey, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, 301-975-3074, dawn.bailey@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Baldrige Performance Excellence Program seeks applicants for the Baldrige Executive Fellows Program, a one-year, leadership development experience for direct reports to the most senior leader in an organization or business unit leaders. Using the Baldrige Excellence Framework as a foundation, the program discusses impactful leadership through visits to Baldrige Award recipient sites and senior leaders, virtual discussions, and face-to-face peer training using an adult learning model. Fellows will discuss how to achieve performance excellence for their own organizations, stimulate innovation, and build the knowledge and capabilities necessary for organizational sustainability. Fellows will create a capstone project that tackles an issue of strategic importance in their own organizations; capstones have included innovating supply chains and customer relationship management systems, improving health systems and their communication with physicians, and creating balanced scorecards. The Baldrige Executive Fellows has been nationally recognized for two consecutive years as the number-one leadership development program in the military/government category of the Leadership 500 Awards, sponsored by HR.com. The program is aligned with the Baldrige Program mission to

⁹ *Id.* at 2-3 and Exhibit 1.

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A).

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(ii)(B).

¹² See Memorandum to the File through Abdelali Elouaradia, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV "Initiation of Antidumping New Shipper Review of Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Inner Mongolia Jianlong Biochemical Co., Ltd. Initiation Checklist," dated concurrently with this notice.

¹³ See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act; 19 CFR 351.214(i).

improve the competitiveness and performance of U.S. organizations for the benefit of all U.S. residents. The Baldrige Program and its Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award were created by Public Law 100-107 (The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987) and signed into law on August 20, 1987.

II. Method of Collection

Senior leaders interested in applying for selection as a Baldrige Fellow must *mail* the following package of material directly to the Baldrige Program:

1. A resumé, including email, postal address, and telephone contact information; and the name and email address of an assistant or alternate contact person

2. An organizational chart that includes names and titles showing the applicant's position within the organization

3. A recommendation letter from the applicant's highest-ranking official showing the organization's support of his/her participation in the program

4. A list of key competitors (in order that the Baldrige Program may avoid creating a cohort that would be unable to share effectively due to competitive situations)

Fax is also acceptable. The NIST Secure File Transfer Service ("N-files") is also made available for applicants who wish to electronically submit materials that include personally identifiable information.

Information is collected one time per year (typically in September–December) for each cohort of Fellows.

Information is need to make selection decisions that are based on (1) sector mix, (2) appropriate level within the organization, (3) likelihood to follow through, (4) diversity, and (5) no direct competitors with participating award recipients or other Fellows.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: #0693–XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Any senior or mid-level leader from business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to gather materials.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$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.

Dated: August 21, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; American Eel Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of non-compliance referral; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that on August 6, 2015, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) found the State of Delaware out of compliance with the Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP) for American Eel. Subsequently, on August 19, 2015, the Commission referred the matter to NMFS, under delegation of authority from the Secretary of Commerce, for federal non-compliance review under the provisions of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (Atlantic Coastal Act). The Atlantic Coastal Act mandates that NMFS must review the Commission's non-compliance referral and make specific findings by September 18, 2015, 30 days

after receiving the referral. If NMFS determines that Delaware failed to carry out its responsibilities under the Coastal American Eel ISFMP, and if the measures it failed to implement are necessary for conservation, then, according to the Atlantic Coastal Act, NMFS must declare a moratorium on fishing for American eel in Delaware waters.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by September 11, 2015. NMFS intends to make a determination on this matter by September 18, 2015, and will publish its findings in the **Federal Register** immediately thereafter.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Derek Orner, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13325, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on American eel Non-Compliance." Comments may also be sent via fax to (301) 713–0596 or by email to derek.orn@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derek Orner, Fishery Management Specialist, NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 427–8567, derek.orn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2012 Benchmark Stock Assessment for American eel found that the American eel population in U.S. waters is depleted. The assessment concluded that the stock is at or near historically low levels due to a combination of historical overfishing, habitat loss and alteration, productivity and food web alterations, predation, turbine mortality, changing climatic and oceanic conditions, toxins and contaminants, and disease. As a result, the Commission took action to reduce mortality and limit further development of this fishery. In order to achieve the conservation goals and objectives of the ISFMP, states were to effectively implement the following actions: A 9" minimum size for yellow eel (the life stage when eels are typically harvested as bait) recreational and commercial fisheries; 1/2" x 1/2" minimum mesh size for yellow eel pots; Allowance of 4" x 4" escape panel in post of 1/2" x 1/2" mesh for 3 years (beginning on January 1, 2014); and, Recreational 25 fish bag limit per day per angler. On August 6, 2015, the Commission found the State of Delaware out of compliance for not fully and effectively implementing and enforcing these measures. The Commission subsequently referred its non-compliance finding to NMFS on August 19, 2015.

Federal response to a Commission non-compliance referral is governed by