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.

Title: Request for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments or Apparatus.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0037.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 130.

Number of Respondents: 65.

Average Hours per Response: 2.

Needs and Uses: The Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security (“DHS”) are required to determine whether non-profit institutions established for scientific or educational purposes are entitled to duty-free entry for scientific instruments that the institutions import under the Florence Agreement. Form ITA–338P enables: (1) DHS to determine whether the statutory eligibility requirements for the institution and the instrument are fulfilled, and (2) Commerce to make a comparison and finding as to the scientific equivalency of comparable instruments being manufactured in the United States. Without the collection of the information, DHS and Commerce would be unable to carry out the responsibilities assigned by law.

Affected Public: Federal, state or local government; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Wendy Liberante, (202) 395–7285, OMB Desk Officer. Fax number (202) 395–7285 or via the Internet at Wendy_L_Liberante@omb.eop.gov.

Sheleen Dumas, PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.


DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Five-Year Records Retention Requirement for Export Transactions and Boycott Actions

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: Five-Year Records Retention Requirement for Export Transactions and Boycott Actions.

OMB Control Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 248.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 84,001,108.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 second to 1 minute.

Needs and Uses: All parties involved in export transactions and the U.S. party involved in a boycott action are required to maintain records of these activities for a period of five years. Without this authority, potential violators could discard records demonstrating violations of the Export Administration Regulations prior to the expiration of the five-year statute of limitations. Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov http://www.reginfo.gov/public/. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket Number: 170309252–7252–01]

Office of Policy and Strategic Planning; Construction of Pipelines Using Domestic Steel and Iron

AGENCY: Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is seeking information on the construction and maintenance of American pipelines. This information will help the Department develop a plan for the domestic sourcing of materials for the construction, retrofitting, repair, and expansion of pipelines inside the United States as directed by the January 24, 2017 Presidential Memorandum regarding “Construction of American Pipelines” (Presidential Memorandum). The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with relevant agencies, is required to deliver this plan to the President by July 23, 2017.

In response to this directive, the Department of Commerce is conducting industry outreach to better understand: Current pipeline construction technology and requirements; potential advances in pipeline technology; domestic and foreign supply chain for pipeline materials; and all other information respondents consider pertinent to the development of the domestic sourcing plan. Responses to this notice (posted at https://www.regulations.gov) will inform the Secretary’s plan for the domestic sourcing of materials used in pipelines.
within the boundaries of the United States.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time on April 7, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the Presidential Memorandum and responses to the questions below by one of the following methods:

(a) Electronic Submission

Submit all electronic comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov (at the home page, enter DOC–2017–0002 in the “Search” box, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments). The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and the Department cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that the submitter does not want publicly disclosed. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF formats only. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. Please do not submit additional materials. If you want to submit a comment with business confidential information that you do not wish to be made public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission in the manner detailed below.

(b) Written/Paper Submissions

Send all written/paper submissions to: The Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 5863, Washington, DC 20230.

Submissions of “Business Confidential Information”: Any submissions containing “business confidential information” must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked “confidential treatment requested” to the address listed above. Please provide an index listing the document(s) or information that the submitter would like the Department to withhold. The index should include information such as numbers used to identify the relevant document(s) or information, document title and description, and relevant page numbers and/or section numbers within a document. Provide a statement explaining the submitter’s grounds for objecting to disclosure of the information to the public. The Department also requests that submitters of business confidential information include a non-confidential version (either redacted or summarized) of those confidential submissions, which will be available for public viewing and posted on https://www.regulations.gov. In the event that the submitter cannot provide a non-confidential version of its submission, the Department requests that the submitter post a notice in the docket stating that it has provided the Department with business confidential information. Should a submitter fail to docket either a non-confidential version of its submission or to post a notice that business confidential information has been provided, the Department will note the receipt of the submission on the docket with the submitter’s organization or name (to the degree permitted by law) and the date of submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice contact: Carter Halfman or David Langdon at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, at 202–482–7466 or 202–482–3308. Please direct media inquiries to the Department of Commerce Office of Public Affairs at 202–482–4883, or publicaffairs@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: President Trump’s Memorandum of January 24, 2017, “Construction of American Pipelines” (82 FR 8659) directs the Secretary of Commerce to “develop a plan under which all new pipelines, as well as retrofitted, repaired, or expanded pipelines, inside the borders of the United States, including portions of pipelines, use materials and equipment produced in the United States, to the maximum extent possible and to the extent permitted by law.”

For the purposes of this notice the term “pipeline” refers to any conduit of pipe used for conveyance of gases, liquids or other products. The physical facilities include: Pipes, valves, fittings, connectors, and other iron and steel assemblies or apparatus attached to the pipe.

For the purposes of this notice the term “materials and equipment” refers to the iron, steel and all precursors, alloys or substitutes used in the fabrication of pipelines (as defined above) as well as pipeline coatings while “equipment” refers to valves and other steel and/or iron apparatus attached to pipe.

Request for Information

Given the nature and import of the Presidential Memorandum, the Department requests information from all stakeholders involved in the manufacturing and construction of pipelines (including the retrofit, repair, or expansion of existing pipelines) as well as the production and distribution of pipeline materials.

Respondents may address any, all or none of the following questions, and may address additional topics that have implications for increasing the domestic material content in pipelines. Please identify, where possible, the questions your comments are intended to address.

Respondents may organize their submissions in any manner, and all responses that comply with the requirements listed in the DATES and ADDRESSES sections of this notice will be considered. Reminder: Respondents have the burden to request that any information contained in a submission be treated as “business confidential information” and must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter; business confidential information must be clearly designated as such and provided only by mail carrier as described above.

While the Department welcomes all input considered relevant to the development of a plan for the domestic sourcing of materials for the construction, retrofitting, repair, and expansion of pipelines, the Department specifically seeks the following types of information:

(a) What is your role regarding U.S. pipelines?

b. Operation
b. Construction
c. Pipeline manufacturing
d. Steel manufacturing
e. Wholesale distribution

f. Other. Please describe in a few sentences.

b. NAICS code(s)?
c. What types of pipelines does your company operate, construct, manufacture, or distribute?
d. Where are your operations located?
e. How many employees?
f. Approximate sales revenue?
g. Approximately how many miles of pipeline did your company construct, repair, fabricate, or distribute in 2016?

1. In a few sentences, describe your assessment of U.S. pipeline demand (such as miles of pipeline planned for construction) for the next few years.

2. To what extent are your companies’ pipeline materials sourced domestically? What factors influence this decision (price, quality, supply shortages, pipeline requirements, domestic sourcing requirements, etc.)?

3. If applicable, please estimate your company’s capacity to fabricate pipelines or steel for pipelines.
What was your capacity utilization in 2016? If applicable, what factors prevented your company from operating at capacity?

4. If applicable, please estimate in days or months supply your existing inventories of pipe. What share of your inventory is fully produced in the United States?

5. To what extent are materials other than iron and steel the primary materials used in your pipelines?

6. To what extent is technology changing the material requirements and construction techniques in the pipeline industry?

7. If applicable, how many permits from a Federal agency are required for pipeline construction or repair? Which Federal agencies require permits and how long does it take to obtain them?

8. Please describe in a few sentences how domestic content requirements would affect your operations.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

Earl Comstock,
Director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Meeting of the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) will hold its first meeting with the newly appointed Secretary of Commerce on Friday, March 31, 2017. The Board was re-chartered in August 2015 and advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry. During the meeting, the Secretary of Commerce will provide an overview of the Administration’s policy priorities with respect to the travel and tourism sector, and the Board will discuss key issues impacting travel and tourism companies. The Board will also deliberate on and may adopt recommendations related to travel security and the customer experience, visa facilitation, key market engagement, and research. The final agenda will be posted on the Department of Commerce Web site for the Board at http://trade.gov/ittab, at least one week in advance of the meeting.

DATES: Friday, March 31, 2017, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. EDT. The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at U.S. Department of Commerce, Secretary’s Conference Room, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Requests to register (including to speak or for auxiliary aids) and any written comments should be submitted to: Ronald Reagan Int’l Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 800M, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20004–3002 or OACIO@trade.gov. Members of the public are encouraged to submit registration requests and written comments via email to ensure timely receipt.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background: The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. All guests are required to register in advance by the deadline identified under the DATES caption. Requests for auxiliary aids must be submitted by the registration deadline. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. There will be fifteen (15) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name and address of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, the International Trade Administration may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 24, 2017, for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to the members of the Board.

In addition, any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Board’s affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Joe Holecko at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 24, 2017, to ensure transmission to the Board prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date and time will be distributed to the members but may not be considered during the meeting. Copies of Board meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Dated: March 8, 2017.

Joe Holecko,
Executive Secretary, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hawkins, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance,