

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Annual Wholesale Trade Survey**

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2017.

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 PRAComments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Susan Pozzanghera, Economy-Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau, (301) 763-7169 or via email at ewd.annual.wholesale.trade.survey@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS) covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in wholesale trade sector as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). This sector includes distributors, manufacturers' sales branches and offices, as well as agents and brokers.

Firms are selected for this survey using a stratified random sample where strata are defined by type of operation, industry, and annual sales size. The sample is drawn from the Business Register (BR), which is the Census Bureau's master business list containing basic economic information for over 7.4 million employer businesses and over 22.5 million non-employer businesses.

The BR obtains information using direct data collections and administrative record information from federal agencies. The AWTS sample is updated quarterly to reflect business "births" and "deaths" by adding newly

established employer businesses and deleting companies when it is determined they are no longer active.

The AWTS introduced a new sample for 2016. The Census Bureau requested two years of data from all sample firms in order to link the old and new samples, ensuring that the published estimates continue to be reliable and accurate. The 2017 AWTS and subsequent years will request one year of data until a new sample is selected again in five years. The 2017 AWTS will also collect detailed business expenditure items and sales tax data, in response to a request for this data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). These data items are collected on the AWTS survey in years ending in 2 and 7, which coincide with the economic census collection.

The AWTS data is collected electronically using the Census Bureau's secure online reporting instrument (Centurion). This electronic system of reporting is designed to allow respondents easier access, convenience and flexibility. In the few cases of companies that have no access to the Internet, the Census Bureau can arrange for the companies to provide data to an analyst via telephone.

The AWTS survey collects data on annual sales, e-commerce sales, operating expenses, purchases, commissions, and year-end inventories. There are five electronic form types based on the specific type of operation and structure of the sampled firm. Each form asks a different subset of the items listed above based on relevance to their type of operation. These data are used to satisfy a variety of public and business needs such as economic market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demands. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data in developing the Nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates and the national accounts' input-output tables. The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses the data as an input to its producer price indices and in developing productivity measurements.

Results will be available by type of operation and item collected at the United States summary level approximately fifteen months after the end of the reference year.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau primarily collects this information via the Internet and, in rare cases when respondents have no access to the internet, by telephone.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0195.

Form Number(s): SA-42, SA-42A, SA-42A (MSBO), SA-42(AGBR), SA-42A (AGBR).

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Wholesale firms located in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,900.

Estimated Time per Response: 93.6 minutes (2017 survey year-additional items collected); 28.8 minutes (2018 and 2019 survey years).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,884 hours (2017 survey year-additional items collected); 4,272 hours (2018 and 2019 survey years).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondents Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182.

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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-507-502]

Certain In-Shell (Raw) Pistachios From the Islamic Republic of Iran: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) and the International

Trade Commission (the ITC) have determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on certain in-shell (raw) pistachios (pistachios) from the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States. Therefore, the Department is publishing a notice of continuation of this order.

DATES: Effective July 13, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madeline Heeren, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-9179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 17, 1986, the Department published the antidumping duty order on certain in-shell pistachios from Iran.¹ On April 1, 2016, the Department initiated² and the ITC instituted³ the second five-year (sunset) review of the *Order* pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). No respondent interested party submitted a timely substantive response. Pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), the Department conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*. As a result of this sunset review, the Department determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the order be revoked, pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b) and (c) of the Act.⁴

On June 30, 2017, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) and 752 of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.⁵

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Order; Certain In-Shell Pistachios from Iran*, 51 FR 25922 (July 17, 1986) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review*, 81 FR 18829 (April 1, 2016) (*Sunset Initiation*).

³ See *Certain Raw In-Shell Pistachios from Iran; Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 81 FR 18882 (April 1, 2016).

⁴ See *Certain In-Shell (Raw) Pistachios from the Islamic Republic of Iran: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 81 FR 51857 (August 5, 2016), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

⁵ See *Investigation No. 731-TA-287 (Second Review) Raw In-Shell Pistachios from Iran*, 82 FR 29931 (June 30, 2017), and USITC Publication 4701

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the order are raw, in-shell pistachio nuts from which the hulls have been removed, leaving the inner hard shells, and edible meats from Iran.⁶ This merchandise is provided for in subheading 0802.51.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), the Department hereby orders the continuation of the *Order*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the *Order* will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation notice.

This five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: July 7, 2017.

Gary Taverman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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(June 2016), entitled *Raw In-Shell Pistachios from Iran*.

⁶ See *Certain In-Shell Pistachios from Iran; Clarification of Scope in Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 51 FR 23254 (June 26, 1986).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction Meetings

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction (NACWIR or Committee), will hold three upcoming meetings continuing the work of the Committee. Interested members of the public will be able to view the video conferences and participate from remote locations by calling in to a central phone number. The final agendas and any meeting materials will be posted on the NWIRP Web site at <https://www.nist.gov/el/materials-and-structural-systems-division-73100/national-windstorm-impact-reduction-program-1>.

DATES: The NACWIR will hold meetings (1) via video conference on Monday, July 31, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time; (2) in person and via video conference on Wednesday, August 23, and Thursday, August 24, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time; and (3) via video conference on Monday, September 18, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. All meetings will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The August meeting will be held in Building 215, Rm. C103 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The address is 100 Bureau Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070. Questions regarding the meetings should be sent to the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. For instructions on how to participate in each meeting, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Potts, Management and Program Analyst, NWIRP, Engineering Laboratory, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. He can also be contacted by email at Stephen.potts@nist.gov; or by phone at (301) 975-5412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NACWIR was established in accordance with the requirements of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015, Public Law 114-52. The NACWIR is charged with