

confirm that they had not heard of, or seen, the inquiry merchandise prior to initiation of the investigations.¹⁹ The petitioner claims that a comparison between sales and marketing literature issued prior to the initiation of the investigations and sales and marketing literature issued after the initiation of the investigations demonstrates that the inquiry merchandise was not commercially available prior to the initiation of the investigations.²⁰

D. Expectations of Ultimate Purchasers

The petitioner argues that the expectations of the ultimate purchasers of subject merchandise and inquiry merchandise are the same. The petitioner states that subject merchandise is generally chosen for its decorative and aesthetic qualities and is used in products such as furniture, kitchen cabinets, architectural woodwork, wall paneling, and other similar products, and that the distinguishing characteristic of subject merchandise is that it is primarily used in interior and non-structural applications.²¹ The petitioner claims that online offers of inquiry merchandise (highlighting the same characteristics as subject merchandise and offering inquiry merchandise for the same applications as subject merchandise) confirms that the expectations of the ultimate purchasers of inquiry merchandise and subject merchandise are the same.²² The petitioner argues that any plywood used in interior/decorative applications must be labeled as TSCA/CARB compliant, and that the ultimate purchasers would expect that both subject merchandise and inquiry merchandise would have certifying labels that the plywood is compliant with TSCA/CARB requirements.²³

E. Ultimate Use

The petitioner asserts that the ultimate use of both the subject merchandise and inquiry merchandise is identical. Further, they claim that inquiry merchandise is offered in the same dimensions as subject merchandise, as well as both being offered for the same decorative or interior purposes, such as cabinetry, furniture, and other functions.²⁴

F. Channels of Trade

The petitioner argues that the channels of trade for inquiry

merchandise and subject merchandise are the same, because the same Chinese producers and exporters and domestic importers who previously offered subject merchandise are now offering inquiry merchandise as a direct alternative to the same customers.²⁵ The petitioner also states that online offers describe inquiry merchandise and subject merchandise with hardwood face and back veneers in the same manner.²⁶ The petitioner explains that big-box retailers include inquiry merchandise under the “Hardwood Plywood” category on their websites.²⁷

G. Advertisement and Display

The petitioner argues that inquiry merchandise is advertised and displayed in the same manner as subject merchandise, because Chinese producers and exporters and domestic importers are offering inquiry merchandise to the same customers who used to purchase subject merchandise with at least one side made of hardwood, as a direct alternative, and inquiry merchandise is being offered for the same applications as subject merchandise.²⁸ The petitioner claims that inquiry merchandise is described in the same manner as subject merchandise in advertisements.²⁹

Conclusion

Based on the information provided by the petitioner, Commerce finds there is sufficient basis to initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry, pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act.³⁰ Commerce will determine whether the merchandise subject to the inquiry (identified in the “Merchandise Subject to the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry” section above) represents a later-developed product that can be considered subject to the *Orders*. Commerce will not order the suspension of liquidation of entries of any additional merchandise at this time. However, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(l)(2), if Commerce issues a preliminary affirmative determination, we will then instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to suspend liquidation and require a cash deposit of estimated duties, at the applicable rate, for each unliquidated entry of the merchandise at issue, entered or

withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the date of initiation of the inquiry. In the event we issue a preliminary affirmative determination of circumvention pursuant to section 781(d) of the act (later-developed merchandise), we intend to notify the International Trade Commission, in accordance with section 781(e)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(f)(7)(i)(C), if applicable. Commerce will establish a schedule for questionnaires and comments on the issues. In connection with this anti-circumvention inquiry, in order to determine the extent to which a country-wide finding applicable to all exports might be warranted, as alleged by the petitioner, Commerce will issue questionnaires to potential Chinese producers or exporters of inquiry merchandise to the United States. Companies failing to respond completely and timely to Commerce’s questionnaire may be deemed uncooperative and an adverse inference may be applied in determining whether such companies are circumventing the *Orders*. See section 776 of the Act. Commerce intends to issue its final determination within 300 days of this initiation, in accordance with section 781(f) of the Act.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(d) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(j).

Dated: September 18, 2018.

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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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.

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.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 23.

²⁰ *Id.* at 24.

²¹ *Id.* at 28–30.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.* at 30.

²⁵ *Id.* at 31.

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.* at 32.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ Because we have determined to initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(d) of the Act, we do not address the petitioner’s request to alternatively initiate an anti-circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(c) of the Act.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at docpra@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 Program has been nationally recognized as a leading executive-development program for three consecutive years as part of the Leadership 500 Awards, sponsored by *HR.com*. The program is aligned with the Baldrige Program mission to 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 provide 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)

U.S. mail or other delivery service is one way to provide materials. Another secure way to provide materials is through the NIST Secure File Transfer Service ("N-files").

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

Information is needed 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: 0693-0076.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently information collection).

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: 24 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to gather materials.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

NIST invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will 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 Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds a product to the Procurement List that will be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: *Date added to and deleted from the Procurement List:* October 21, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Jensen, Telephone: (703) 603-2132, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Addition

On 8/24/2018 (83 FR 165–Correction), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published a notice of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of the qualified nonprofit agency to provide the product and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the product listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.