

Description of Respondents: Commercial growers and importers, Foreign Governments.

Number of Respondents: 52

Frequency of Responses: Reporting on occasion, and recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 1,507.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Apples from China.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0423.

Summary of Collection: Under the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701, *et seq.*) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of plants and plant pests to prevent the introduction into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The regulations in "Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56) prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS uses the following information collection activities to prevent the spread of fruit flies and other plant pests from entering into the United States: Operational workplan, production site, and packinghouse registrations, tracking system, box labeling, phytosanitary certificates with declarations, inspections, investigation for detection, handling procedures, and emergency action notification. Falling to collect this information would cripple APHIS' ability to ensure that apples from China are not carrying plant pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 186.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,117.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2019; Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2019; Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2019

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice helps to improve applicants' awareness of the Guarantee Fee rates for Guaranteed Loans for fiscal year (FY) 2019, the Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for FY 2019, and the Annual Renewal Fee for FY 2019 when applying for guaranteed loans under the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

The Agency has the authority to charge a guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the Continuing Resolution, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program.

The initial guarantee fee is paid at the time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued. The annual renewal fee is paid by the lender to the Agency once a year. Payment of the annual renewal fee is required in order to maintain the enforceability of the guarantee. Additionally, the Agency will require the borrower to have an active System for Award Management (SAM) registration prior to obligation and maintain the active registration until all funds are disbursed.

DATES: *Applicability date:* September 26, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tanner Hinkel, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Business and Industry Division, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202) 720-1970, email tanner.hinkel@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120, the Agency has the authority to charge an initial guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the Continuing Resolution, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Unless precluded by a subsequent FY 2019 appropriation, these rates will apply to all loans obligated in FY 2019 that are made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. As established in 7 CFR 4279.120(b)(1), the amount of the annual fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the annual fee rate by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percentage of guarantee.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120(a) and 4279.119(b), each fiscal year, the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of B&I guarantee authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a reduced guarantee fee or guaranteed loans with an increased percentage of guarantee. The Agency has established that not more than 12 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for loan guarantee requests with a reduced fee, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with an increased percentage of guarantee. Once the respective limits are reached, all additional loans will be at the standard fee and guarantee limits.

Allowing a reduced guarantee fee or increased percentage of guarantee on certain B&I guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120 and 4279.119 will increase the Agency's ability to focus guarantee assistance on projects that the Agency has found particularly meritorious. Subject to annual limits set by the Agency in this notice, the Agency may charge a reduced guarantee fee if requested by the lender for loans of \$5 million or less when the borrower's business supports value-added agriculture and results in farmers benefitting financially, promotes access to healthy foods, or is a high impact business development investment located in a rural community that is experiencing long-term population decline; has remained in poverty for the last 30 years; is experiencing trauma as a result of natural disaster; is located in a city or county with an unemployment rate 125 percent of the statewide rate or greater; or is located within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian tribe's reservation or within tribal trust lands or within land owned by an Alaska Native Regional or Village Corporation as defined by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Subject to annual limits set by the Agency in this notice, the Agency may allow increased percentages of guarantee for high-priority projects or loans where the lender needs the increased percentage of guarantee due to its legal or regulatory lending limit.

As set forth in 2 CFR 25.200(b), each entity that applies and does not have an exemption under 2 CFR 25.110 must be registered in the SAM prior to submitting an application or plan, maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under

consideration by the Agency, and provide its unique entity identifier in each application or plan it submits to the Agency.

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(1) *Mail*: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20250-9410;

(2) *Fax*: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) *Email*: program.intake@usda.gov.

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Dated: September 10, 2018.

Bette B. Brand,
Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-35-2018]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ)126—Reno, Nevada; Authorization of Production Activity; Tesla, Inc. (Lithium-Ion Batteries, Electric Motors, and Stationary Energy Storage Systems); Sparks and McCarran, Nevada

On May 23, 2018, Tesla, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 126D, in Sparks and McCarran, Nevada.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 25428, June 1, 2018). On September 20, 2018, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: September 20, 2018.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-985]

Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: As a result of this first sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, at the level indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable September 26, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magd Zalok or Howard Smith, AD/CVD Operations, Office IV, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone:

(202) 482-4162 or (202) 482-5193, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 19, 2013, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on xanthan gum from China.¹ On June 1, 2018, Commerce published the notice of initiation of this sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).² On June 15, 2018, and June 18, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i), Commerce received timely and complete notices of intent to participate in the sunset review from domestic producers of xanthan gum, Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) and CP Kelco U.S., Inc. (CP Kelco), respectively.³ On July 2, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), ADM and CP Kelco filed a timely and adequate substantive response.⁴ Commerce did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), we conducted an expedited (120-day) first sunset review of the *Order*.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* includes dry xanthan gum, whether or not coated or blended with other products. Xanthan gum is included in this order regardless of physical form, including, but not limited to, solutions, slurries, dry powders of any particle size, or unground fiber.

Merchandise covered by the scope of the *Order* is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheading 3913.90.20.15. This tariff classification is provided for convenience and

¹ See *Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order*, 78 FR 43143 (July 19, 2013) (*Order*).

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 83 FR 25436 (June 1, 2018).

³ See Letter from ADM to Commerce re, "Five-Year ("Sunset") Review Of Antidumping Duty Order On Xanthan Gum From The People's Republic Of China/Domestic Industry Notice Of Intent To Participate In Sunset Review," dated June 15, 2018, and Letter from CP Kelco to Commerce re, "Xanthan Gum from the People's Republic of China: CP Kelco U.S., Inc.'s Notice Of Intent To Participate," dated June 18, 2018.

⁴ See Letter from ADM and CP Kelco to Commerce re, "Five-Year (Sunset) Review of Antidumping Duty Order On Xanthan Gum From the People's Republic of China/Domestic Industry Substantive Response," dated July 2, 2018 (ADM and CP Kelco Substantive Response).