

*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. Failing 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> On July 2, 2018, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i), ADM and CP Kelco filed a timely and adequate substantive response.<sup>4</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> 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*).

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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).