

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Record.

OMB Number: 0596–0215 renewal.

Expiration Date of Approval:

11/30/2018

Type of Request: Extension with Revision.

Abstract: All Federal agencies must comply with equal opportunity laws:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- Executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the delivery of all programs and services to the public.

Federal agencies and entities receiving Federal financial assistance are prohibited from discriminating. Federal financial assistance is defined as, “Federal monies given by grants, cooperative agreements, commercial special use permits, training, loan/temporary assignment of Federal personnel, or loan/use of Federal property at below market value.”

The equal opportunity laws require agencies to conduct compliance reviews to ensure that entities receiving Federal Financial Assistance from the government are adhering to the nondiscrimination statutes. The statutes require that prior to awarding support or issuing permits, the Federal government shall conduct pre-award reviews to ensure that potential recipients understand their responsibilities to provide services equitable pursuant to the law. Thereafter, during the partnership with the agency, ongoing monitoring will take place to ensure the public is being served without any barriers or discrimination.

Forest Service employees will use form FS–1700–6, Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Record, to document demographics (race, ethnicity, and gender) and collect information regarding actions taken by recipients of Federal financial assistance to ensure the public receives services without discrimination or barriers to access, and that recipients’ employees understand their customer service role. Collection will occur during face-to-face

meetings or telephone interviews conducted by Forest Service employees as part of the pre-award and post award process. The pre-award interview will take place prior to the award of a grant, signing of a cooperative agreement, letting of commercial special use permit, or similar activity. The post award interview will take place once every 5 years, or upon report/discovery of discrimination.

The information collected will only be shared with other Federal agencies who share in the financial assistance activities with the Forest Service. Monitoring reviews have been a responsibility of the Federal government since 1964. Without the ability to monitor recipients of Federal financial assistance, the Forest Service would not be able to ensure compliance with laws and statutes. The Agency would not be aware of potential violations, thereby resulting in potential discriminatory practices.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 1 hour.

Type of Respondents: Recipients of Federal financial assistance.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,000.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: October 24, 2018.

Lenise Largo.

Acting Associate Chief, Forest Service.

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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.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments, Indian Tribes, Institutions of Higher Education, and Non-Profit Organizations.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0518.

Form Number(s): SF–SAC.

Type of Request: Reinstatement with changes.

Number of Respondents: 80,000 (40,000 auditees and 40,000 auditors).

Average Hours per Response: 100 hours for large auditees (approx. 400 respondents) and 21 hours for all other auditees (approx. 79,600 respondents). These amounts reflect estimates of reporting burden on both auditees and auditors individually, meaning 100 or 21 hours for auditees and 100 or 21 hours for auditors. Auditees and auditors submit a combined response, making the total number of annual submissions 40,000.

Burden Hours: 1,711,600 total hours annually. (A slight refinement of the estimate increased the annual burden hours by less than 1% from the estimate of 1,699,600 hours, which was published in the presubmission notice on April 3, 2018.)

Needs and Uses: Non-Federal entities (states, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations) are required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501, *et seq.*) (Act) and 2 CFR part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,” (Uniform Guidance) to have audits conducted of their Federal awards and file the resulting reporting packages (Single Audit reports) and data collection forms (Form SF–SAC) with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC). The Form SF–SAC is Appendix X to 2 CFR part 200. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated the Census Bureau as the FAC to serve as the government-wide repository of record for Single Audit reports.

The Single Audit process is a primary method Federal agencies and pass-through entities use to provide oversight for Federal awards and reduce risk of non-compliance and improper

payments. This includes following up on audit findings and questioned costs. The proposed changes are to revise some existing data elements and add data elements that would make the reports easier for Federal agencies, pass-through entities, and the public to use.

This is a reinstatement, with changes, of Form SF-SAC, OMB control number 0607-0518. Prior to the year 1997, the Census Bureau was responsible for the OMB clearance approval process using OMB control number 0607-0518. In 1997, OMB took over the approval process for the Form SF-SAC under OMB control number 0348-0057 (currently expiring June 30, 2019). The Census Bureau is now resuming responsibility for obtaining OMB clearance under the original OMB control number 0607-0518. The FAC will continue to collect Single Audit reports from prior audit years, going back to audit year 2013, to accommodate late submissions and revisions. Late submissions or revisions from prior years are to use the version of the Form SF-SAC applicable to that audit year. The FAC also plans to allow Non-Federal entities who did not meet the threshold requiring submission of a Single Audit report to voluntarily notify the FAC that they did not meet the reporting threshold. The FAC plans to put this information on their website.

The proposed changes are to include the following required elements of the reporting package on the data collection form: The text of the federal award audit findings, the text of the corrective action plan, and the notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA). There will be a checkbox for each finding text and corrective action plan (CAP) text entered asking the user if there are any charts or tables that could not be copied or pasted to analyze how often this occurs. Additionally, a new yes/no question has been added regarding whether the auditors communicated to the auditee, in a written document, any issues that were not audit findings. The inclusion of these items is to aid Federal agencies and pass-through entities in their review of their recipients/subrecipients. This will reduce their burden of manually searching the reporting package for this information. With these items now included on the form, the information can be viewed during the initial review of auditees instead of needing to access and search all reporting packages of all recipients/subrecipients. In the future, the FAC would like to develop a system-generated exportable Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs using these items, similar to the system-generated SEFA and Notes to the SEFA,

which will reduce burden for auditees and auditors.

Two additional items not mentioned in the pre-submission notice will be collected in the Web-based collection instrument, the Internet Data Entry System (IDES). These items will collect the date the auditor's report(s) were received by the auditee and what items were modified when a revision has been conducted. The date the auditor's report(s) was received was not included in the pre-submission notice as logistics were still being discussed about what instructions should accompany this field. This is the date the auditee received the full, complete report from the auditor. This inclusion is to help with the determination of whether the Form SF-SAC and Single Audit report were submitted on time. Collecting this date will allow for tracking of the 30-day deadline, as the FAC already collects the fiscal period ending date to track the nine-month deadline. The list of what items were modified when a revision has been conducted was not included in the pre-submission notice as it was not suggested to the FAC until a meeting with stakeholders that occurred after the pre-submission notice was submitted. Users will select which items changed from the previously submitted version using a preset list of options. Users will be able to check multiple options. This information will be publicly displayed on the FAC website.

The proposed revisions to the Form SF-SAC can be obtained by download from the FAC homepage at <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb> or by contacting the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at erd.fac@census.gov or 800-253-0696.

Affected Public: States, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations (Non-Federal entities) and their auditors.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 31 U.S.C.

Section 7501 *et seq.* and 2 CFR part 200.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. 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 Federal_Audit_Clearinghouse_Comments@OMB.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number OMB-2018-0007, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-580-884]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 2016

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd. (Hyundai Steel), a producer/exporter of certain hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from the Republic of Korea (Korea), and POSCO, a producer/exporter of hot-rolled steel from Korea, received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), August 12, 2016, through December 31, 2016. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable November 6, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Mullen or Carrie Bethea, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5260 and (202) 482-1491, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 7, 2017, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on hot-