

Abstract: The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110–246 (Farm Bill) amended Section 306(a)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1926 (a)(2)). The amendment created a grant program to make Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Program grants.

Under the SEARCH program, the Secretary may make predevelopment and planning grants to public or quasi-public agencies, organizations operated on a not-for-profit basis or Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes. The grant recipients shall use the grant funds for feasibility studies, design assistance, and development of an application for financial assistance to financially distressed communities in rural areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer inhabitants for water and waste disposal projects as authorized in Sections 306(a)(1), 306(a)(2) and 306(a)(24) of the CONACT.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per responses.

Respondents: Public Bodies; Indian Tribes; Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 111.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 19.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,380.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from MaryPat Daskal, Regulatory Team 2, Rural Development Innovation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Stop 1522, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720–7853. Email: MaryPatDaskal@usda.gov.

All responses to this information collection and recordkeeping notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Bette B. Brand,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–15–2019]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 163—Ponce, Puerto Rico; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation (Construction and Fencing Products), Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation (Puerto Rico Steel) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on March 12, 2019.

The Puerto Rico Steel facility is located within Subzone 163L. The facility will be used for production of construction and fencing products. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt Puerto Rico Steel from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, for the foreign-status materials/components noted below, Puerto Rico Steel would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to the following steel products: Bright common nails; chain link fence; wire mesh; rebar; tubes; roll forming panels for roofing; and, snap ties (duty-free). Puerto Rico Steel would be able to avoid duty on foreign-status components which become scrap/waste. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

The components and materials sourced from abroad include: Various galvanized steel components (coil, strip, or wire); various steel components (rebar, wire, wire rod, or black annealed wire); aluminum zinc coated steel coils; cold deformed steel rebar in coils; and, concrete reinforcement steel bars in coils (duty-free). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to special duties under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (Section 232), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 232 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 6, 2019.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov or 202–482–1378.

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Special Priorities Assistance

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security.

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 May 24, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 6616, 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 Mark Crace, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482–8093 or at mark.crace@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: