

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****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 emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Interim Procedures for Considering Requests from the Public under the Textile and Apparel Safeguard Provision of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

OMB Control Number: 0625-0269.

Form Number(s): Non-applicable.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Average Hours per Response: 4 hours for a Textile and Apparel Safeguard Request; and 4 hours for a Comment.

Burden Hours: 56.

Needs and Uses: Title III, Subtitle C, Section 331 through Section 338 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (the "Act") implements the textile and apparel safeguard provisions, provided for in Article 4.1 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), which entered into force on March 15, 2012. This safeguard mechanism applies when, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a customs duty under the Agreement, a Korean textile or apparel article is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage or actual threat thereof to a U.S. industry producing a like or directly competitive article. In these circumstances, Article 4.1.1(b) permits the United States to (a) suspend any further reduction in the rate of duty provided for under Annex 2-B of the Agreement in the duty imposed on the article; or (b) increase duties on the imported article from Korea to a level that does not exceed the lesser of the prevailing U.S. normal trade relations ("NTR")/most-favored-nation ("MFN") duty rate for the article or the U.S. NTR/MFN duty rate in effect on the day before the Agreement enters into force.

The Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the Act provides that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) will issue procedures for

requesting such safeguard measures, for making its determinations under Section 332(a) of the Act, and for providing relief under Section 332(b) of the Act. CITA was unable to publish these procedures earlier and is requesting an emergency review of the information collection and procedures from the Office of Management and Budget.

CITA must collect information in order to determine whether a domestic textile or apparel industry is being adversely impacted by imports of these products from Korea, thereby allowing CITA to take corrective action to protect the viability of the domestic textile or apparel industry, subject to section 332(b) of the Act.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-602-809]

Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Australia: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that BlueScope Steel Ltd., BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd., and BlueScope Steel Distribution Pty Ltd. (collectively, BlueScope) made sales of certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia at less than normal value during the period of review (POR), March 22, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

DATES: Applicable April 30, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this antidumping duty administrative review on certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia on November 14, 2018.¹ For events subsequent to the *Preliminary Results*, see Commerce's Issues and Decision Memorandum.² We invited interested parties to comment on the *Preliminary Results*. On December 14, 2018, Commerce received a timely filed case brief from BlueScope.³ On December 19, 2018, Commerce received a timely filed rebuttal brief from United States Steel Corporation, ArcelorMittal USA, Nucor Corporation, AK Steel Corporation, Steel Dynamics, and SSAB Enterprises (collectively, the petitioners). On March 5, 2019, Commerce held a public hearing. Commerce conducted this review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.⁴ If the new deadline falls on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the final results decision is now April 23, 2019.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this review is certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia. For a full description of the scope, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this

¹ See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017*, 83 FR 56817 (November 14, 2018) (*Preliminary Results*).

² See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia; 2016-2017," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

³ In the investigation, Commerce found that BlueScope Steel Ltd., BlueScope Steel (AIS) Pty Ltd., and BlueScope Steel Distribution Pty Ltd. (collectively, BlueScope) are a single entity and, because there were no changes to the facts which supported that decision since that determination was made, we continue to find that these companies are a single entity for this administrative review. See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 81 FR 53406, 53407 (August 12, 2016).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019.