DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Collection of State Administrative Records Data

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

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 November 15, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Michael Berning, Assistant Division Chief for Data Acquisition and Curation, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 5H151, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at PRACommments@doc.gov). You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2019–0008, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to http://www.regulations.gov for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. 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, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael Berning, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 5H151, Washington, DC 20233–8400 at (301) 763–2028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request a general clearance for acquiring State administrative records in order to improve efficiency and accuracy in our data collections, and to improve measures of the population and economy. The records to be acquired are person-level program participating records that will be used to support the decennial census program as well as for research topics that includes eligibility analyses. The Census Bureau has undertaken research projects to integrate and link State administrative records with Census Bureau data from current surveys and censuses.

The Census Bureau uses the State administrative records linked with other survey and census records to conduct further research and improve operations with surveys and censuses, including 2020 Census Operations. The Census Bureau benefits from these projects by improving data quality and estimates, as well as studies of program participation over time. State data providers have benefited through access to tabulated data and reports to better understand the demographic characteristics of program participants and to administer their programs.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will contact the State agencies to discuss how the Census Bureau might use of State administrative records. After entering into a data sharing agreement with the Census Bureau, a State agency would transfer the agreed-upon administrative records to the Census Bureau via secure File Transfer Protocol or encrypted CD-ROM or DVD-ROM.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0995.

Form Number(s): Information will be collected in the form of a data transfer to the Census Bureau. No form will be used.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Estimated Time Per Response: 75 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,825 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $80,325 (This is not the cost of respondents’ time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 6.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection;
they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[C–489–830]
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From
the Republic of Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty
Administrative Review; 2017

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminary determines that a producer/exporter of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR) March 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

On September 10, 2018, Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on rebar from Turkey. On March 28, 2019, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results to September 6, 2019. Commerce preliminarily finds that the mandatory respondent, Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S. (Habas), received countervailable subsidies during the POR. For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included at the appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access.trade.gov and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. The signed and electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

On January 28, 2019, 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. On August 7, 2019, Commerce postponed the preliminary results of this review until September 6, 2019.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by the order is rebar from Turkey. For a complete description of the scope, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each subsidy program found countervailable, we preliminarily find that there is a subsidy, i.e., a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce calculated an individual estimated countervailable subsidy rate for Habas, the only individually examined exporter/producer in this review, for the period March 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, as follows:

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Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above for the reviewed companies, with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all other firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We will disclose to the parties in this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments

1 See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 83 FR 45596, 45606 (September 10, 2018).
3 Habas is the sole Turkish rebar producer/exporter from the existing CVD order on rebar from Turkey. See Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey: Countervailing Duty Order, 79 FR 65926 (November 6, 2014) (2014 Turkey CVD Order).
4 See Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from the Republic of Turkey; 2017,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).
5 See Memorandum to the Record from Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, “Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government,” dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.
7 See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.
8 This rate applies only to merchandise both produced and exported by Habas. Merchandise produced by Habas, but exported by another company, or produced by another company and exported by Habas continues to be covered by the 2014 Turkey CVD Order.
9 See 19 CFR 351.224(b).