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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Technology Letter of Explanation

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of 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 April 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Mark Grace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue, Suite 2099B, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). 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.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The collection is necessary under section 748.8(o) and Supplement 2 section (o) to Part 748 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). Licensing officers must make decisions on licensing the export of United States commodities and technical data to

foreign countries. When an export involves certain technical data or knowhow described in the Export Administration Regulation, additional information is required to fully understand the transaction and make a licensing decision. The Technology Letter of Explanation provides a written description of the technology proposed for export sufficient to allow BIS technical staff to evaluate the impact of licensing the export on United States national security and foreign policy. The letter of assurance puts the consignee on notice that the technology is subject to U.S. export controls and causes the consignee to certify that it will not release the data or the direct product of the data to certain specified country group nationals; thus providing assurance that U.S. national security data will be safeguarded and used only for the stated end use. The additional information is necessary to evaluate technology exports as covered under this collection.

##### II. Method of Collection

Submitted on paper or electronically.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0047.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,283.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes to 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,416.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Export Control Reform Act 4812(b) and 4814(b)(1)(B).

##### 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 included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-822-804; A-822-806]

#### Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Belarus and Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Belarus: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is initiating changed circumstances reviews (CCRs) to examine whether Belarus is still a non-market economy (NME) country for purposes of the antidumping duty (AD) law.

**DATES:** Applicable February 6, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Loopesko, Office of Policy, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0969.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Citing changes that have occurred in Belarus in recent years, on December 16, 2019, Commerce received letters from the Government of the Republic of Belarus (GOB) requesting that Commerce conduct a review of Belarus' status as an NME country within the context of CCRs of the AD orders on steel concrete reinforcing bars and alloy steel wire rod. In the letters, the GOB submitted information supporting its request for market economy (ME) status.

We find that the GOB has provided sufficient evidence for Commerce to initiate these CCRs. Therefore, in response to this request, Commerce is initiating these CCRs in order to examine whether Belarus is still an NME country for purposes of the AD law, pursuant to sections 751(b) and 771(18)(C)(ii) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce has treated Belarus as an NME country in all past AD investigations and administrative reviews.<sup>1</sup> A designation as an NME remains in effect until it is revoked by Commerce.<sup>2</sup>

#### Opportunity for Public Comment and Information

As part of this inquiry to review Belarus' NME status, Commerce is interested in receiving public comment and information with respect to Belarus on the following factors enumerated by section 771(18)(B) of the Act, which Commerce must take into account in making an ME/NME determination:

(i) The extent to which the currency of the foreign country is convertible into the currency of other countries;

(ii) the extent to which wage rates in the foreign country are determined by free bargaining between labor and management;

(iii) the extent to which joint ventures or other investments by firms of other foreign countries are permitted in the foreign country;

(iv) the extent of government ownership or control of the means of production;

(v) the extent of government control over allocation of resources and over price and output decisions of enterprises; and

(vi) such other factors as the administering authority considers appropriate.

The deadline for the submission of comments is not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal comments, limited to issues raised in parties' affirmative comments, may be filed not later than 14 days after the date for filing affirmative comments. All submissions to Commerce must be filed electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Centralized

Electronic Service System (ACCESS).<sup>3</sup> An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date set forth in this notice. Documents exempted from the electronic submission requirements must be filed manually (*i.e.*, in paper form) with Enforcement and Compliance's APO/Dockets Unit, Room 18022, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, and stamped with the date and time of receipt by the applicable deadlines.

All such comments must also be filed on the records of both of the concurrent CCRs. ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Commerce building.

After reviewing all comments, Commerce will determine whether a public hearing in these CCRs is warranted, if one is requested in the comments filed by an interested party, as defined by section 771(9) of the Act, or if Commerce otherwise determines that one is warranted. If Commerce determines that a hearing is warranted, it will announce a time for that hearing to be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, in a room to be determined.

Unless extended, consistent with 19 CFR 351.216(e), we intend to issue the final results of these CCRs no later than 270 days after the date on which these reviews were initiated or within 45 days of that date if all parties agree to the outcome of the reviews.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(b) and 771(18)(C)(ii) of the Act.

Dated: January 30, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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<sup>3</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011); see also *Enforcement and Compliance; Change of Electronic Filing System Name*, 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014) for details of Commerce's electronic filing requirements, effective August 5, 2011. Information on help using ACCESS can be found at <https://access.trade.gov/help.aspx> and a handbook can be found at [https://access.trade.gov/help/ACCESS\\_User\\_Guide.pdf](https://access.trade.gov/help/ACCESS_User_Guide.pdf).

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-201-845]

#### Suspension Agreement on Sugar From Mexico; 2018 Administrative Review of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico (as Amended)

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that the selected respondents Ingenio Adolfo Lopez Mateos S.A. de C.V. and its affiliates (Grupo PIASA) and Ingenio Pánuco S.A.P.I. de C.V. (Pánuco), are in compliance with the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico (AD Agreement), as amended on June 30, 2017 (collectively, amended AD Agreement), for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, when such amended AD Agreement was in effect. Further, Commerce preliminarily determines that the amended AD Agreement in effect during the POR was meeting its statutory requirements under sections 734(c) and (d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The preliminary results are set forth in the section titled "Methodology and Preliminary Results," *infra*. We intend to issue the final results of review within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Applicable January 31, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sally C. Gannon or David Cordell, Bilateral Agreements Unit, Enforcement & Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-0162 or (202) 482-0408, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On December 19, 2014, Commerce signed an agreement under section 734(c) of the Act, with a representative of Mexican producers/exporters accounting for substantially all imports of sugar from Mexico, suspending the antidumping duty (AD) investigation on sugar from Mexico.<sup>1</sup> On June 30, 2017, Commerce and a representative of Mexican producers/exporters

<sup>1</sup> See *Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Sugar from Mexico*, 79 FR 78039 (December 29, 2014) (AD Agreement).

<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Belarus, the Russian Federation, and the United Arab Emirates: Affirmative Final Determinations of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Partial Affirmative Finding of Critical Circumstances*, 82 FR 56214 (November 28, 2017); and *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Belarus*, 66 FR 33528 (June 22, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> See section 771(18)(C)(i) of the Act.