

and discussion of eligible grant proposals submitted from “national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union,” based on the guidelines set forth in the March 12, 2020 request for proposals published on *Grants.gov* and SAMS Domestic (*mygrants.service-now.com*). Following Committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program. This meeting will be open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2020–0030]

Request for Comments Concerning the Extension of Particular Exclusions Expiring in October 2020 Granted Under the \$34 Billion Action Pursuant to Section 301: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Effective July 6, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated an exclusion process in July 2018 and granted multiple sets of exclusions. In October and December 2019, and February 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative granted exclusions that are scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020. The U.S. Trade Representative has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions scheduled to expire in October 2020. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) invites public comment on whether to extend particular exclusions.

DATES:

August 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. ET: The public docket on the web portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov> will open for parties to submit comments on the possible extension of particular exclusions.

August 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET: To be assured of consideration, submit written comments on the public docket by this deadline.

ADDRESSES: You must submit all comments through the online portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Benjamin Allen at (202) 395–5725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see prior notices including 82 FR 40213 (August 23, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 28710 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018), 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), 83 FR 65198 (December 19, 2018), 84 FR 67463 (December 28, 2018), 84 FR 7966 (March 5, 2019), 84 FR 11152 (March 25, 2019), 84 FR 16310 (April 18, 2019), 84 FR 21389 (May 14, 2019), 84 FR 25895 (June 4, 2019), 84 FR 32821 (July 9, 2019), 84 FR 49564 (September 20, 2019), 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019), 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019), 84 FR 70616 (December 23, 2019), 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020), 85 FR 15849 (March 19, 2020), 85 FR 20332 (April 10, 2020), 85 FR 28692 (May 13, 2020), 85 FR 29503 (May 15, 2020), 85 FR 33775 (June 2, 2020), 85 FR 35158 (June 8, 2020), 85 FR 41267 (July 9, 2020), and 85 FR 42970 (July 15, 2020).

Effective July 6, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional 25 percent duties on goods of China classified in 818 eight-digit subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), with an approximate annual trade value of \$34 billion. *See* 83 FR 28710. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a process by which U.S. stakeholders could request exclusion of particular products classified within an eight-digit HTSUS subheading covered by the \$34 billion action from the additional duties. The U.S. Trade Representative issued a notice setting out the process for the product exclusions, and opened a public docket. *See* 83 FR 32181 (July 11, 2018) (July 11 notice).

The July 11 notice required submission of requests for exclusion

from the \$34 billion action no later than October 9, 2018, and noted that the U.S. Trade Representative periodically would announce decisions. The U.S. Trade Representative has granted multiple sets of exclusions. In October and December 2019, and February 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative granted exclusions that are scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020. *See* 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019), 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019), and 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020).

B. Possible Extensions of Particular Product Exclusions

The U.S. Trade Representative has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions scheduled to expire in October 2020. Accordingly, USTR invites public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions scheduled to expire on October 2, 2020, that were granted under the following notices of product exclusions: 84 FR 52567 (October 2, 2019); 84 FR 69016 (December 17, 2019); and 85 FR 7816 (February 11, 2020).

USTR will evaluate the possible extension of each exclusion on a case-by-case basis. The focus of the evaluation will be whether, despite the first imposition of these additional duties in July 2018, the particular product remains available only from China. In addressing this factor, commenters should address specifically:

- Whether the particular product and/or a comparable product is available from sources in the United States and/or in third countries.
- Any changes in the global supply chain since July 2018 with respect to the particular product or any other relevant industry developments.
- The efforts, if any, the importers or U.S. purchasers have undertaken since July 2018 to source the product from the United States or third countries.

In addition, USTR will continue to consider whether the imposition of additional duties on the products covered by the exclusion will result in severe economic harm to the commenter or other U.S. interests.

C. Procedures To Comment on the Extension of Particular Exclusions

To submit a comment regarding the extension of a particular exclusion scheduled to expire in October 2020, commenters first must register on the portal at <https://comments.USTR.gov>. As noted above, the public docket on the portal will be open from August 1, 2020, to August 30, 2020. After registration, the commenter may submit

an exclusion extension comment form to the public docket.

Fields on the comment form marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields. Fields with a gray (BCI) notation are for Business Confidential Information and the information entered will not be publicly available. Fields with a green (Public) notation will be publicly available. Additionally, parties will be able to upload documents and indicate whether the documents are BCI or public. Commenters will be able to review the public version of their comments before they are posted.

In order to facilitate the preparation of comments prior to the August 1 opening of the public docket, a facsimile of the exclusion extension comment form parties will use on the portal is annexed to this notice. Please note that the color-coding of public fields and BCI fields is not visible on the attached facsimile, but will be apparent on the actual comment form used on the portal.

Set out below is a summary of the information to be entered on the exclusion extension comment form.

- Contact information, including the full legal name of the organization making the comment, whether the commenter is a third party (*e.g.*, law firm, trade association, or customs broker) submitting on behalf of an organization or industry, and the name of the third party organization, if applicable.
- The number for the exclusion on which you are commenting as provided in the Annex of the **Federal Register** notice granting the exclusion and the

description. For descriptions amended or corrected by a later issued notice of product exclusions, parties should use the amended or corrected description.

- Whether the product or products covered by the exclusion are subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

- Whether you support or oppose extending the exclusion and an explanation of your rationale. Commenters must provide a public version of their rationale, even if the commenter also intends to submit a more detailed BCI rationale.

- Whether the products covered by the exclusion or comparable products are available from sources in the U.S. or in third countries. Please include information concerning any changes in the global supply chain since July 2018 with respect to the particular product.

- The efforts you have undertaken since July 2018 to source the product from the United States or third countries.

- The value and quantity of the Chinese-origin product covered by the specific exclusion request purchased in 2018 and 2019. Whether these purchases are from a related company, and if so, the name of and relationship to the related company.

- Whether Chinese suppliers have lowered their prices for products covered by the exclusion following the imposition of duties.

- The value and quantity of the product covered by the exclusion

purchased from domestic and third country sources in 2018 and 2019.

- If applicable, the commenter's gross revenue for 2018 and 2019.
- Whether the Chinese-origin product of concern is sold as a final product or as an input.
- Whether the imposition of duties on the products covered by the exclusion will result in severe economic harm to the commenter or other U.S. interests.
- Any additional information or data in support of or in opposition to extending the exclusion.

D. Submission Instructions

To be assured of consideration, you must submit your comment between the opening of the public docket on the portal on August 1, 2020, and the August 30, 2020 submission deadline. Parties seeking to comment on more than one exclusion must submit a separate comment for each exclusion.

By submitting a comment, the commenter certifies that the information provided is complete and correct to the best of their knowledge.

E. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Office of Management and Budget assigned control number 0350-0015, which expires January 31, 2023.

Joseph Barloon,

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ANNEX

OMB Control Number: 0350-0015

Expiration Date: January 31, 2023

Exclusion Extension Comment Form**1. Submitter Information**

Full Organization Legal Name (Public)

Commenter First Name (BCI)

Commenter Last Name (BCI)

Commenter Phone Number (BCI)

Commenter Mailing Address (BCI)

Contact Email Address (BCI)

Are you a third party, such as a law firm, trade association, or customs broker, submitting on behalf of an organization or industry? (Public)

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Note: If you are submitting on behalf of an organization/industry, the information below is required.

Third Party Firm/Association Name (Public)

Third Party First Name (BCI)

Third Party Last Name (BCI)

Third Party Phone Number (BCI)

Third Party Mailing Address (BCI)

Third Party Email Address (BCI)

- 2. a) From the Annex of the Federal Register Notice granting the exclusion, please provide the number and product description for the exclusion you are commenting on. For descriptions subsequently amended or corrected by a later notice, parties should use the amended or corrected description. Click the magnifying glass in the box below to search for and select the number and product description applicable to your comment. You may search by the HTS code or key words in the exclusion. (Public)**

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b) Is this product subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty order issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce? (Public)

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- 3. Do you support extending the exclusion (yes or no)? Please explain your rationale. (You must provide a public version of your rationale.) (Public)**

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4. Please explain whether the products covered by the exclusion, or comparable products, are available from sources in the United States? (Please include information concerning any changes in the global supply chain since July 2018 with respect to the particular product or any other relevant industry developments.) (Public)

5. Please explain whether the products covered by the exclusion, or a comparable products, are available from sources in third countries? (Please include information concerning any changes in the global supply chain since July 2018 with respect to the particular product.) (Public)

6. a) Please provide the value in USD and quantity (with units) of the Chinese-origin product covered by the specific exclusion that you purchased in 2018 and 2019. Limit this figure to the products purchased by your firm (or by members of your trade association). Please provide estimates if precise figures are unavailable. (BCI)

2018 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2018 Quantity:	<input type="text"/>
2019 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2019 Quantity:	<input type="text"/>

Are the provided figures estimates? (BCI)

Are any of these purchases from a related company? (BCI)

Please list the name and relationship of the related company. (BCI)
Name: **Relationship:**

b) Please discuss whether Chinese suppliers have lowered their prices for products covered by the exclusion following imposition of the duties. (BCI)

7. Please provide the value in USD and quantity (with units) of the product covered by the specific exclusion that you purchased from any third-country source in 2018 and 2019. Limit this figure to the products purchased by your firm (or by members of your trade association). Please provide estimates if precise figures are unavailable. (BCI)

2018 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2018 Quantity:	<input type="text"/>
2019 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2019: Quantity:	<input type="text"/>

Are the provided figures estimates? (BCI)

8. Please provide the value in USD and quantity (with units) of the product covered by the specific exclusion that you purchased from domestic sources in 2018 and 2019. Limit this figure to the products purchased by your firm (or by members of your trade association). Please provide estimates if precise figures are unavailable. (BCI)

2018 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2018 Quantity:	<input type="text"/>
2019 Value:	<input type="text"/>	2019 Quantity:	<input type="text"/>

Are the provided figures estimates? (BCI)

9. Please discuss any efforts you have undertaken since July 2018 to source this product from United States or third countries. (BCI)

- 10 Please provide information regarding your company's gross revenue in USD for 2018 and 2019. (BCI)

2018 Gross Revenue:	<input type="text"/>
2019 Gross Revenue:	<input type="text"/>

Are the provided gross revenue figures estimates? (BCI)

- 11 Is the Chinese-origin product of concern sold as a final product or as an input used in the production of a final product or products? (BCI)

- 12 Please comment on whether the imposition of additional duties on the product(s) covered by the exclusion you are seeking an extension for, will result in severe economic harm to your company or other U.S. interests. (BCI)

- 13 Please provide any additional information in support of your comment, taking account of the instructions provided in Section B of the Federal Register notice. (BCI)

- 14 You may upload additional attachments in support of your comment. Please specify whether the attachment is Public or contains Business Confidential Information. (Submitter Determines Public or BCI)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2020-0008]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Notice and Request for Comment; National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behaviors

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment on a reinstatement with modification of a previously approved collection of information.

SUMMARY: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) invites public comments about our intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a reinstatement with modification of a previously approved collection of information. Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from OMB. Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes an Information Collection Request (ICR) for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA-2020-0008 using any of the following methods:

- *Electronic submissions:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9322 before coming.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or access to background documents, contact Kristie Johnson, Ph.D., Office of Behavioral Safety Research (NPD-310), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W46-498, Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Johnson's phone number is 202-366-2755, and her email address is kristie.johnson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) how to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Title: National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behaviors.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0613.

Form Number: NHTSA Form 1538, NHTSA Form 1539, NHTSA Form 1544, NHTSA Form 1545, NHTSA Form 1546.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Reinstatement with modification of a previously approved information collection (OMB Control No. 2127-0613).

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: 3 years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: NHTSA is seeking approval to conduct a National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behaviors by web and mail among a national probability sample of 7,013 adult drivers (and 152 adult drivers for a pilot survey), age 18 and older. Participation by respondents would be voluntary. Survey topics would include the extent to which drivers speed, driver attitudes and perceptions about speeding, reasons and motivations for speeding, and knowledge and attitudes towards countermeasure strategies to deter speeding.

In conducting the proposed research, the survey would use computer-assisted web interviewing (i.e., a programmed, self-administered web survey) to minimize recording errors, as well as optical mark recognition and image scanning for the paper and pencil survey to facilitate ease of use and data accuracy. A Spanish-language survey option would be used to minimize language barriers to participation. Surveys would be conducted with respondents using an address-based sampling design that encourages respondents to complete the survey online. Although web would be the primary data collection mode, a paper questionnaire would be sent to households that do not respond to the web invitations. The proposed survey would be anonymous and the survey would not collect any personal information. This collection only requires respondents to report their answers; there are no record-keeping costs to the respondents.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: NHTSA was established to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle