

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigation No. 332–586]

**Foreign Censorship Part 2: Trade and Economic Effects on U.S. Businesses; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Censorship Questionnaire****AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of information collection

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission or USITC) hereby gives notice that it plans to submit a request for approval of a questionnaire to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and requests public comment on its draft proposed collection.

**DATES:** To assure that the Commission will consider your comments, it must receive them no later than 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The project leaders for this investigation are Ricky Ubee, Shova KC, and George Serletis. Please direct all written comments to the project leaders via email at [foreign.censorship@usitc.gov](mailto:foreign.censorship@usitc.gov) or by phone at 202–205–3493.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ricky Ubee at 202–205–3493. Copies of the questionnaire and supporting investigation documents may be obtained at <https://www.usitc.gov/foreigncensorship>. Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of Information Collection:** The information requested by the questionnaire is for use by the Commission in connection with Investigation No. 332–586, *Foreign Censorship Part 2: Trade and Economic Effects on U.S. Businesses*, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation and report were requested by the Committee on Finance (Committee) of the U.S. Senate on April 7, 2021 (revised from a request received January 4, 2021). This investigation was initiated on May 6, 2021 and notice was published on May 12, 2021 (86 FR 26064). The Committee's request includes a component that requires the use of

survey data to provide an analysis of the trade and economic effects of foreign censorship policies and practices on affected businesses in the United States and their global operations. This questionnaire is therefore necessary to analyze foreign censorships impacts on (1) employment, (2) direct costs to businesses (e.g., compliance and entry costs), (3) foregone revenue and sales, (4) self-censorship, and (5) other effects the Commission considers relevant to respond to the Committee's request. The Commission will deliver its report to the Committee by July 5, 2022.

*Summary of Proposal:*

The Commission intends to submit the following draft information collection plan to OMB and invites public comment.

(1) *Number of forms submitted:* 1.

(2) *Title of form:* Foreign Censorship Questionnaire

(3) *Type of request:* New.

(4) *Frequency of use:* Industry questionnaire, single data gathering, scheduled for 2021.

(5) *Description of respondents:* U.S. businesses operating in China.

(6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 10,000.

(7) *Estimated total number of hours to complete the questionnaire per respondent:* 15 hours.

(8) Information obtained from the questionnaire that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a business.

**I. Abstract**

The Committee on Finance (Committee) of the U.S. Senate has requested the Commission to produce a report that analyzes the trade and economic effects of foreign censorship policies and practices on (1) employment, (2) direct costs to businesses (e.g., compliance and entry costs), (3) foregone revenue and sales, (4) self-censorship, and (5) other effects the Commission considers relevant for the Committee to know. This report is the second in a two-part series on the effects of foreign censorship.

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents will be mailed a letter with a link and individual code for accessing the online form. Once the online form is complete, respondents will be directed to submit the form by selecting a submit button.

**III. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary; (2) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

The draft questionnaire and other supplementary documents may be downloaded from the USITC website at <https://www.usitc.gov/foreigncensorship>.

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

By order of the Commission.

Issued: June 10, 2021.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigation No. 731–TA–125 (Fifth Review)]

**Potassium Permanganate From China; Scheduling of a Full Five-Year Review****AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a full review pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") to determine whether revocation of the anti-dumping duty order on potassium permanganate from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

**DATES:** June 10, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andres Andrade (202–205–2078), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<https://>

[www.usitc.gov](http://www.usitc.gov)). The public record for this review may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background.*—On May 7, 2021, the Commission determined that responses to its notice of institution of the subject five-year review were such that a full review should proceed (86 FR 27477, May 20, 2021); accordingly, a full review is being scheduled pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)). A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements are available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website.

*Participation in the review and public service list.*—Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in this review as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in section 201.11 of the Commission's rules, by 45 days after publication of this notice. A party that filed a notice of appearance following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the review need not file an additional notice of appearance. The Secretary will maintain a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the review.

For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207).

Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

*Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.*—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this review available to authorized applicants under the APO issued in the review, provided that the application is made by 45 days after publication of this notice. Authorized

applicants must represent interested parties, as defined by 19 U.S.C. 1677(9), who are parties to the review. A party granted access to BPI following publication of the Commission's notice of institution of the review need not reapply for such access. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

*Staff report.*—The prehearing staff report in the review will be placed in the nonpublic record on September 20, 2021, and a public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.64 of the Commission's rules.

*Hearing.*—The Commission will hold a hearing in connection with this review beginning at 9:30 a.m. on October 5, 2021. Information about the place and form of the hearing, including about how to participate in and/or view the hearing, will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/calendar.html>. Interested parties should check the Commission's website periodically for updates.

Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before September 29, 2021. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the hearing. All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearing and make oral presentations should attend a prehearing conference to be held at 9:30 a.m. on October 4, 2021 (if deemed necessary). Oral testimony and written materials to be submitted at the public hearing are governed by sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.66 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

*Written submissions.*—Each party to the review may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.65 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is September 28, 2021. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.67 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is October 13, 2021. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the review may submit a written statement of information pertinent to

the subject of the review on or before October 13, 2021. On November 1, 2021, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before November 3, 2021, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.68 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission's website at [https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook\\_on\\_filing\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf), elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

Additional written submissions to the Commission, including requests pursuant to section 201.12 of the Commission's rules, shall not be accepted unless good cause is shown for accepting such submissions, or unless the submission is pursuant to a specific request by a Commissioner or Commission staff.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the review must be served on all other parties to the review (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** This review is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

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**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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