

is estimated to average .4818 hours per response.

Respondents: Foreign investors, corporate employees, farm managers or attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,375.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,375.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,108 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Patricia A. Blevins, Agricultural Foreign Investment Specialist, Regulatory Review and Foreign Investment Disclosure Branch, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, USDA, FSA, STOP 0540, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0540, (202) 720-0604.

All comments to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 8, 2000.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Revision to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide; Oregon and Washington State

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture

Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to applicable conservation practices in Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) located in Oregon and Washington State.

The proposed revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State Technical Guides are subject to these provisions, since one or more could be used as part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

At this time, two versions of conservation practice standard 777 Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) are being added and/or revised to Section IV of the FOTG; one for Oregon and one for Washington (see below):

- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Oregon)—NRCS Code Number 777
- Residue Management, Direct Seed (Interim) (Washington)—NRCS Code Number 777

You may request a hard copy of the practice standards and provide your comments to:

Oregon

Roy Carlson, State Resource Conservationist, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1300, Portland, OR, 97204-3221, (503) 414-3277

Washington

Marty Seamons, Program Support Specialist, W. 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, WA 99201-2348, (509) 323-2967

You may also obtain a copy of both Oregon and/or Washington's practice standard by accessing the NRCS Washington State Internet website. The internet address is: <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/nrcs/>

Click on "Field Office Technical Guide" on the left side of the page, then click on "Section IV," then "Index of Draft Standards and Specifications for Review and Comment," and finally click on the blue star of the appropriate standard.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Leonard Jordan,

State Conservationist.

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AMTRAK REFORM COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Amtrak Reform Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Public Outreach Hearing for the State of California and a Public Business Meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in section 203 of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the Amtrak Reform Council (ARC) gives notice of a special public outreach meeting of the Council with representatives from the State of California to discuss Amtrak's California services and the California State Rail Program. The Council has invited to the Outreach Hearing, various state legislators, California Department of Transportation officials, various rail corridor officials, rail commuter officials, and Amtrak executives. They will discuss all aspects of current and future intercity railroad passenger service in the State of California.

DATES: The Special Public Outreach Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Business Meeting will be held on Friday, May 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both the Hearing and Business Meeting are opened to the general public.

ADDRESSES: Both the Outreach Hearing and Business Meeting will take place in the Folsom Room at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Persons in need of special arrangements should contact the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deirdre O'Sullivan, Amtrak Reform Council, Room 7105, JM-ARC, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or by telephone at (202) 366-0591; FAX: 202-493-2061. You can also visit the ARC's website at www.amtrakreformcouncil.gov, for information regarding ARC's upcoming events, the agenda for meetings, the ARC's First Annual Report, information about the ARC Staff and the Council Members and much more.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARC was created by the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 (ARAA), as an independent commission, to evaluate Amtrak's performance and to make recommendations to Amtrak for achieving further cost containment, productivity improvements, and financial reforms. In addition, the ARAA requires that the ARC monitor cost savings resulting from work rules established under new agreements between Amtrak and its labor unions;

that the ARC provide an annual report to Congress that includes an assessment of Amtrak's progress on the resolution of productivity issues; and that, after two years, the ARC has the authority to determine whether Amtrak can meet certain financial goals specified under the ARAA and, if not, to notify the President and the Congress.

The ARAA provides that the ARC consist of eleven members, including the Secretary of Transportation and ten others nominated by the President and Congressional leaders. Members serve a five-year term.

Issued in Washington, DC, May 4, 2000.

Thomas A. Till,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Format for Petition Requesting Relief Under U.S. Countervailing Duty Law

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Email Lengelme@doc.gov, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14 & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202)482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Norbert Gannon, Office of Policy, Import Administration, Room 3716, 14 & Constitution Ave, NW, Washington DC 20230; phone (202) 482-3605 and fax: (202) 482-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Abstract:* The International Trade Administration, Import Administration, AD/CVD Enforcement, implements the U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duty law. Import Administration investigates allegations of unfair trade practices by

foreign governments and producers and, in conjunction with the U.S. International Trade Commission, can impose duties on the product in question to offset the unfair practices. Form ITA 366-P—Format for Petition Requesting Relief Under the U.S. Countervailing Duty Law—is designed for U.S. companies or industries that are unfamiliar with the countervailing duty law and the petition process. The Form is designed for potential petitioners that believe a foreign competitor is being subsidized unfairly. Since a variety of detailed information is required under the law before initiation of a countervailing duty investigation, the Form is designed to extract such information in the least burdensome manner possible.

I. Method of Collection

Form ITA 366-P is sent by request to potential U.S. petitioners.

II. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0148.

Form Number: ITA-366P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: U.S. companies or industries that suspect the presence of unfair competition from subsidized foreign enterprises.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time per Response: 40 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Assuming the number of petitioners remains the same, with a total of 40 hours per respondent, at an estimated cost of \$70 per hour, the total annual cost is \$14,000.

III. Requested 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.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee will hold a plenary meeting from 9-4:30 on May 18, 2000. Lunch is not included. The ETTAC was created on May 31, 1994, to advise the U.S. government on policies and programs to expand U.S. exports of environmental products and services.

DATE AND PLACE: May 18, 2000. The meeting will take place in Room 6800 of the Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The plenary meeting will welcome new members, include an ethics briefing, guest speaker on AID-Trade issues, and round table discussion on the international water sector with senior government officials.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Sage Chandler, Department of Commerce, Office of Environmental Technologies Exports. Phone: 202-482-1500.

Dated: May 1, 2000.

Sage Chandler,

Designated Federal Official, Office of Environmental Technologies Exports.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research/enhancement permit