

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Client Impact Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0021.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1,067.

*Number of Respondents:* 8,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 8 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) sponsors the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), a national network of fifty-nine locally-based manufacturing extension centers. The centers work with small manufacturers to help improve their productivity, profitability, and enhance their overall economic competitiveness. Each center is a partnership involving federal, state, local, and client resources. The MEP Centers provide hard-to-find technical assistance and latest business practices within reach of the nation's more than 330,000 small and mid-sized manufacturers.

NIST MEP surveys all clients provided substantive services and collects data on sales, investment, cost savings, and jobs impacts as well as a limited set of qualitative questions. NIST MEP surveys center clients for two primary purposes:

- To collect aggregate information on program performance indicators to report to various stakeholders on program performance. The survey provides information about the quantifiable impacts that clients attribute to the services provided by MEP centers. NIST MEP also conducts other episodic studies to evaluate the system's impact that corroborate and complement the survey results.

- To provide center-specific program performance and impact information for center use. Centers use this information to communicate results to their own stakeholders, at both the state and federal level. The Centers' management and NIST MEP use these results to evaluate center performance and effectiveness. The MEP Center review criteria and process place a strong emphasis on a center's ability to demonstrate impacts based on the survey results.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by

calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at [Jasmeet\\_K.\\_Seehra@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Jasmeet_K._Seehra@omb.eop.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

*Title:* Prior Notification of Exports Under License Exception AGR.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0123.

*Form Number(s):* BIS-748P.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 161.

*Number of Respondents:* 167.

*Average Hours per Response:* 58 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 906 of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act (TSRA) requires that exports of agricultural commodities, medicine or medical devices to Cuba or to the government of a country that has been determined by the Secretary of State to have repeatedly provide support for acts of international terrorism, or to any other entity in such a country, are made pursuant to one-year licenses issued by the U.S. Government. The TSRA further provides that the requirements of one-year licenses shall not be more restrictive than license exceptions administered by the Department of Commerce, except that procedures shall be in place to deny licenses for these exports to any country, or entity within a country, promoting international terrorism.

To meet the requirements of TSRA, BIS has imposed a prior notification

procedure under License Exception AGR, and exports and certain reexports of agricultural commodities will be authorized under License Exception AGR.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to retain or obtain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285 or via the Internet at [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 48-2008]

**Foreign-Trade Zone 176—Rockford, IL Application for Subzone Cellusuede Products, Inc. (Flock Fiber) Rockford, IL**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 176, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacture of flock fiber at the facility of Cellusuede Products, Inc. (Cellusuede), located in Rockford, Illinois. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on September 3, 2008.

The Cellusuede facility (55 employees, 9 acres, 7-9 million pounds of flock per year) is located at the intersection of North Madison Street and Prairie Street, in Rockford, Illinois. The facility is used to manufacture and warehouse precision cut flocking (duty-