

Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Rural Housing Service (RHS or the Agency), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will be hosting two virtual listening sessions to obtain stakeholder information on potential decoupling of section 521 Rental Assistance from section 515 Rural Rental Housing loans at the time of loan maturity. Both sessions will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The virtual listening sessions will be held on July 19, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (ET) and on July 25, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m. (ET).

**ADDRESSES:** The listening sessions will convene virtually on the Zoom platform. All participants must pre-register. To register for the July 19, 2023, session, please use the following link: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_S8IV8KZ2TjKU-v231VIXhA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_S8IV8KZ2TjKU-v231VIXhA). To register for the July 25, 2023, session, please use the following link: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_A7a3cdjgRy6D6xWguP24Qw](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_A7a3cdjgRy6D6xWguP24Qw).

A confirmation email, including the Zoom link and teleconference information for the meeting, will be sent upon receipt of the registration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Vergin, Policy Advisor, Multifamily Housing, Rural Housing Service, USDA, STOP 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone: (651) 602-7820 (this is not a toll-free number); email: [Decoupling@usda.gov](mailto:Decoupling@usda.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Background**

The section 515 Rural Rental Housing program loan portfolio includes nearly 14,000 Multifamily Housing (MFH) properties in rural areas nationwide. Approximately 80 percent of units financed with a section 515 loan also receive section 521 Rental Assistance (RA), a project-based tenant rent subsidy. By statute, when a section 515 mortgage matures or is terminated, the property is no longer eligible to receive section 521 RA, adversely impacting residents and creating an elevated risk of loss of affordable units in the section 515 portfolio. Between 2023 and 2033, approximately 137,000 affordable housing units will be lost due to maturing section 515 mortgages, with a potential to lose approximately 333,000 units by the year 2050.

For owners willing to continue providing affordable housing upon mortgage maturity, the agency is currently limited to debt modifications and deferrals to keep the section 515 mortgages in place, which enables the

continued availability of RA. However, maintaining the section 515 mortgage with currently available preservation tools may adversely impact the property by discouraging critical investments from other local, State, and Federal sources or create a lack of equity for further recapitalization.

Decoupling of section 515 from section 521 Rental Assistance is a tool for preservation of rural multifamily housing properties. It will allow for the continuation of the project-based RA to MFH tenants, who had an average annual household income of approximately \$13,000 in Fiscal Year 2022, while also encouraging new third-party investment and recapitalization of the aging MFH portfolio.

#### **Meeting Agenda**

The Fiscal Year 2023 President's Budget included a request to decouple section 521 RA from section 515 loans to facilitate the rehabilitation and preservation of the Multifamily Housing loan portfolio. Congress directed USDA to conduct a series of stakeholder meetings and provide a report on how decoupling would be implemented. Therefore, RHS MFH is seeking stakeholder input on how decoupling might impact the current section 515 and section 521 policies, program requirements and operations. In addition to participating in the listening sessions, stakeholders may provide written comments to the agency on MFH decoupling until July 31, 2023. Comments may be submitted to [Decoupling@usda.gov](mailto:Decoupling@usda.gov).

After the listening sessions, a report will be developed for Congress summarizing stakeholder input and identifying strategies for implementation of MFH decoupling.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Economic Development Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Data Collection Instrument**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2022 (87 FR 39806) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

**Title:** Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Data Collection Instrument.

**OMB Control Number:** New information collection.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission.

**Estimated Number of Respondents and Frequency:** 332 award recipients will respond to the electronic survey. Of these, 30 award recipients will also participate in a phone interview. This will be a one-time survey and interview.

**Estimated Average Hours per Response:** Two hours for the electronic survey and 0.75 hours for each phone interview.

**Estimated Burden Hours:** 664 hours for the electronic survey and 22.5 hours for the phone interviews.

**Needs and Uses:** To effectively administer and monitor its economic development assistance programs, EDA collects certain information from applications for, and recipients of EDA investment assistance. The purpose of this notice is to seek comments from the public and other Federal agencies on a request for a new information collection for recipients of awards under the EDA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation. This is aligned with ensuring that Federal travel, tourism and outdoor recreation investments are evidence-based and data-driven, and accountable to participants and the public.

This survey will collect baseline data from awardees that will lay the foundation for a future evaluation of EDA's investments in travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation. The survey questions will fall into two categories: project activities and corresponding specific metrics. The categories of project activities include the following: —Planning and Assessment Activities —Expanding the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Economy —Increasing Quality of Visitation —Stakeholder Outreach —Developing New Products —Marketing

—Workforce Training, Skills Training and Certifications  
 —Equity Focused Activities

*Affected Public:* Recipients of ARPA Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation awards: These include (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Gas Powered Pressure Washers From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily

determines that certain gas powered pressure washers (pressure washers) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). The period of investigation is April 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Applicable June 15, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurel LaCivita or Matthew Palmer, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4243 or (202) 482–1678, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This preliminary determination is made in accordance with section 733(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Commerce published the notice of initiation of this investigation on January 19, 2023.<sup>1</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this investigation, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>2</sup> A list of topics included in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is included as Appendix II to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

##### Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are gas powered pressure washers from Vietnam. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, *see* Appendix I.

<sup>1</sup> *See Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 88 FR 4807 (January 25, 2023); *see also Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 88 FR 4812 (January 25, 2023) (*Initiation Notice*) (collectively, *Initiation Notices*).

<sup>2</sup> *See* Memorandum, “Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation of Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,” dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

#### Scope Comments

In accordance with the preamble to Commerce's regulations,<sup>3</sup> the *Initiation Notice* set aside a period of time for parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope).<sup>4</sup> Northern Tool + Equipment, Inc. (NTE) commented on the scope of the investigation, requesting the addition of exclusion language to the scope as it appeared in the *Initiation Notice*.<sup>5</sup> FNA Group, Inc. (the petitioner) submitted rebuttal comments, requesting the scope remain unchanged.<sup>6</sup> Commerce preliminarily determines the scope language requires no revisions. For further information, *see* the Preliminary Scope Decision Memorandum, dated concurrently with this notice.

#### Methodology

Commerce is conducting this investigation in accordance with section 731 of the Act. Pursuant to sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act, Commerce preliminarily has relied upon facts otherwise available, with adverse inferences, because no Vietnamese producer or exporter of pressure washers participated in this investigation. For a full description of the methodology underlying Commerce's preliminary determination, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances

In accordance with section 733(e) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206, Commerce preliminarily determines that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of pressure washers from Vietnam for the Vietnam-wide entity. For a full description of the methodology and results of Commerce's critical circumstances analysis, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

#### Combination Rates

In the *Initiation Notice*,<sup>7</sup> Commerce stated that it would calculate producer/exporter combination rates for the respondents that are eligible for a separate rate in this investigation. Policy Bulletin 05.1 describes this practice.<sup>8</sup> In

<sup>3</sup> *See Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

<sup>4</sup> *See Initiation Notices*.

<sup>5</sup> *See* NTE's Letter, “Scope Comments of Northern Tool + Equipment Co.,” dated February 8, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> *See* Petitioner's Letter, “Response to Scope Comments,” dated February 21, 2023.

<sup>7</sup> *See Initiation Notice*, 88 FR at 4811.

<sup>8</sup> *See* Enforcement and Compliance's Policy Bulletin No. 05.1, regarding, “Separate-Rates Practice and Application of Combination Rates in Antidumping Investigations Involving Non-Market Economy Countries,” (April 5, 2005) (Policy

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