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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: Chemical Weapons Convention, Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0117.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 17.

Number of Respondents: 33.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Chemical Weapons Convention. The U.S. is under obligation by this international treaty to impose certain trade controls. States Parties (countries that have signed the Treaty and ratified the Treaty through their legislatures) may only export Schedule 1 chemicals to other States Parties, must provide advance notification of exports of any quantity of a Schedule 1 chemical, and must submit annual reports of exports of such chemicals during the previous calendar year. The Convention also requires that prior to the export of a Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 chemicals to a non-States Party, the exporter obtain an End-Use Certificate issued by the government of the importing country.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Sehra, (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 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at 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 Sehra, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Sehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 13, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Rockfish Pilot Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0545.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 55.

Average Hours per Response:

Applications for cooperative fishing quota, limited access fishery, entry-level fishery, and application to opt out of rockfish fishery, 2 hours each; application for inter-cooperative transfer of cooperative quota, 1 hour; cooperative catch report, 30 minutes; annual cooperative report, 40 hours; rockfish cooperative termination of fishing declaration, 15 minutes; vessel check-in/check out reports, 20 minutes; appeals, 4 hours.

Burden Hours: 496.

Needs and Uses: As part of planning by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the

Rockfish Pilot Program was developed for management of three rockfish fisheries in the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) in the Exclusive Economic Zone off the coast of Alaska. The Program was implemented in order to improve the economic efficiency of the CGOA rockfish fisheries and was designed to result in a slower-paced fishery that would allow the harvester to choose when to fish and therefore avoid poor weather and also to provide greater stability for processors by spreading production over a greater period of time. The Rockfish Pilot Program is scheduled to end December 31, 2011.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

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

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

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 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

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 David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 14, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Groundfish Tagging Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0276.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 175.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes for a regular tag; 30 minutes for an archival (implanted electronic) tag.

Burden Hours: 41.

Needs and Uses: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has prepared groundfish Fishery Management Plans (FMP) for the following fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska: Groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) EEZ under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands EEZ under the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area. These FMPs are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 679. General regulations that also pertain to these fisheries appear in subpart H of 50 CFR part 600.

As part of these plans, the Groundfish Tagging Program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery off Alaska and the Northwest Pacific. The program area includes the Pacific Ocean off Alaska (the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, the Alexander Archipelago of Southeast Alaska), California, Oregon, and Washington. Distribution, movement rates and direction, growth, recruitment and mortality estimated from tag recoveries are important parameters used in groundfish population assessment models and in developing allocation systems.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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 David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 14, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons

ACTION: Notice.

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 comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. September 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey instrument(s) and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; *phone*: (202) 606-9826; *fax*: (202) 606-5318; or via the Internet at christopher.emond@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE-185, Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons, obtains quarterly data from U.S. financial services providers whose sales of covered financial services to foreign persons exceeded \$20 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year, or whose purchases of covered financial services from foreign persons exceeded \$15 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current

fiscal year. The data collected are cut-off sample data. In addition, estimates are developed based upon previously reported or estimated data for non-respondents, including those U.S. financial services companies that fall below the reporting threshold for the quarterly survey but reported on a previous benchmark survey.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in financial services, analyze its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, support U.S. commercial policy on trade in financial services, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Responses will be due within 45 days after the close of each calendar quarter, except for the respondents' final quarter of their fiscal year, when reports are due within 90 days after the close of the quarter. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to cross-border trade in financial services.

The BE-185 Form remains the same. No changes in the data collected or in exemption levels are proposed.

II. Method of Collection

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from our Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax, or e-mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608-0065.

Form Number: BE-185.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours per mandatory response; and 1 hour per other responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,900.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended and by Section 5408 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information