

including specialized architecture, engineering, and logistics. Machinery manufacturing industries employ more than one million American workers in well-compensated trades and professions.

The Office of Transportation and Machinery (OTM) has been working for several months to identify significant trade barriers facing U.S. machinery manufacturer exporters in foreign market destinations. OTM strives to provide senior U.S. Government policy-makers with well-informed policy analysis for use in expanding international markets across the broad range of U.S. machinery exports. OTM will hold a one-day conference to conduct a dialog and review with our private-sector stakeholders what we have learned and further refine our understanding of the market access challenges they face.

Dated: Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

Thomas Sobotta,

Acting Office Director—MAS Office of Transportation & Machinery.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 121010534-2534-01]

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) publishes this notice to announce that the Director of the Census Bureau has determined the need to conduct the 2012 Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS). ARTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Retail Trade and/or Accommodation and Food Services sectors as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Through this survey, the Census Bureau will collect data covering annual sales, annual e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States, total and detailed operating expenses, purchases, accounts receivables, and, for selected industries, merchandise line sales, and percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies.

Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand. The Census Bureau conducts the ARTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade, and accommodation and food services activity annually. The 2012 ARTS is a separate collection and is not part of 2012 Economic Census.

ADDRESSES: The Census Bureau will provide report forms to businesses included in the survey. Additional copies are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aneta Erdie, Service Sector Statistics Division, at (301) 763-4841 or by email at aneta.erdie@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 182, 224, and 225 of Title 13 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) authorize the Census Bureau to take surveys that are necessary to produce current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses. As part of this authorization, the Census Bureau conducts the ARTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade, and accommodation and food services activity for the period between economic censuses and, for this year, during the economic census. ARTS is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). ARTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Retail Trade and/or Accommodation and Food Services sectors as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). ARTS provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, annual e-commerce sales, purchases, total and detailed operating expenses, accounts receivables, and year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States for 2012. The Census Bureau has determined that the conduct of this survey is necessary because these data are not available publicly on a timely basis from any other sources.

For the 2012 ARTS, we will request data on detailed operating expenses that were previously requested under a separate supplemental mailing (conducted every five years). The last supplemental mailing was conducted for the 2007 ARTS under OMB Control Number 0607-0942. While the retail portion of that program will be collapsed into the ARTS, we will continue to ask only the additional

detailed expense questions every five years.

Firms are selected for the ARTS using a stratified random sample based on industry groupings and annual sales size. We will provide report forms to the firms covered by this survey in February 2013, and will require their responses within 50 days after receipt. Firms' responses to the ARTS are required by law (Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 182, 224, and 225). The sample of firms selected will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on annual sales, annual e-commerce sales, purchases, total and detailed operating expenses, accounts receivables, and year-end inventories held both inside and outside the United States for 2012.

The data collected in this survey be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs including economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3521, OMB has approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0013.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: October 16, 2012.

Thomas L. Mesenbourg, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1851]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone Under the Alternative Site Framework; West Tennessee Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as

amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones Act provides for “* * * the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (74 FR 1170–1173, 01/12/2009; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/2009; 75 FR 71069–71070, 11/22/2010) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones;

Whereas, the Northwest Tennessee Regional Port Authority (the Grantee) has made application to the Board (Docket 59–2011, filed 9/29/2011) requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone under the ASF with a service area of Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, Obion and Tipton Counties, Tennessee, adjacent to the Memphis U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry, and proposed Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (excluding 20 acres recommended for approval as Site 10) and 9 would be categorized as magnet sites and Site 10 would be categorized as a usage-driven site;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 61667–61668, 10/05/2011) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner’s report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 283, as described in the application and examiner’s report, and subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.13, to the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall general-purpose zone, to an ASF sunset provision for magnet sites that would terminate authority for Sites 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 if not activated within five years from the date of approval and for Site 5 if not activated within ten years from the date of approval, and to an ASF sunset provision for usage-driven

sites that would terminate authority for Site 10 if no foreign-status merchandise is admitted for a *bona fide* customs purpose within three years from date of approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of October 2012.

Rebecca Blank,

Acting Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee

Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on November 7 and 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, D. C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to information systems equipment and technology.

Wednesday, November 7

Open Session

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Working Group Reports.
3. Industry Presentation: Performance and Aggregation in Category 4.
4. Industry Presentation: Graphics Processors Roadmap.
5. Industry Presentation: Proposal for 4A003.
6. Industry Presentation: Issues for Category 5p2.
7. New Business.

Thursday, November 8

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@bis.doc.gov, no later than October 31, 2012.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to Ms. Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 7, 2011, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting concerning trade secrets and commercial or financial information deemed privileged or confidential as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and the portion of the meeting concerning matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 D.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202)482–2813.

Dated: October 15, 2012.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–821–801]

Solid Urea From the Russian Federation: Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2010–2011

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On July 18, 2012, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on solid urea from the Russian Federation (Russia). The period of review is July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results, but we received no comments. The final weighted-average