

security sphere by systematically reviewing the Commerce Control List, with advice from independent experts, to eliminate those items and technologies that have little or no such consequences.”

The DEAC's recommendations contained in the report constitute a written request from representatives of a substantial segment of an industry that produces goods or technology subject to export controls, a requirement under Section 5(h) of the EAA for the establishment of a technical advisory committee. Specifically, the DEAC's members were senior officials with significant experience in business, educational research, and national homeland security matters related to scientific and engineering knowledge. As such, they represented a substantial segment of an affected industry that produces items subject to export controls, namely, the U.S. technology community, which is engaged in producing technical data and providing technical assistance.

Finally, the President issued a *Dual-Use Trade Reform* directive on January 22, 2008 that called for export controls to be constantly reassessed to ensure that they control the export and reexport of sensitive items while minimizing their impact on U.S. economic competitiveness and innovation. In order to meet this objective, the President directed the Secretary of Commerce to develop a regularized process that would consider input by technical advisory committees in the review and updating of the CCL.

The ETRAC will be charged with identifying emerging technologies and research and development activities that may be of interest from a dual-use perspective, prioritizing new and existing controls related to deemed exports to determine which are of greatest consequence to national security, and examining how research is performed to understand the impact that the Export Administration Regulations have on academia, federal laboratories, and industry.

Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC): Notice of Recruitment of Members [The membership is drawn from both private and public sectors, based on the description below as well as the draft charter.]

BIS is recruiting members for the ETRAC. The ETRAC will comprise a maximum of 25 members and will feature a balanced membership that will include diverse points of view. It will consist of experts from academia, federal laboratories, and industry to ensure a comprehensive discussion of

emerging technologies and research and development activities and their implications with regard to national and economic security. ETRAC members will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve a term of not more than one year. Each member will be required to hold a secret security clearance prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members may be permitted access to sensitive intelligence and law enforcement information related to the ETRAC's mission. The ETRAC will also reach out to other government and non-government experts to ensure a broad and thorough review of the issues.

To respond to the recruitment notice, please send a copy of your resume to the individual identified under the **ADDRESSES** heading. This Notice of Recruitment will be open until June 24, 2008.

Dated: May 20, 2008.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet June 10, 2008, 9 a.m., Room 4830, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public.
3. Opening remarks by Bureau of Industry and Security.
4. Regulations update.
5. Export Enforcement update.
6. Working group reports.
7. Automated Export System (AES) update.

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 section 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 Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than June 3, 2008.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that 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 the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via e-mail.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on May 13, 2008, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 sec.(10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with 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 U.S.C. app. 2 section 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: May 20, 2008.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application for an Export Trade; Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration.

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 its continuing information collections, as required by the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Shirley Hooker, Export Trading Company Affairs, Industry Analysis, phone: (202) 482–5131, e-mail: shirley_hooker@ita.doc.gov and fax: (202) 482–1790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Title III of the Export Trading Company Act (hereinafter “the Act”) of 1982 (Pub. L. 97–290, 15 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, an Export Trade Certificate of Review to any person that establishes that its proposed export trade, export trade activities, and methods of operation meet the four standards found in Section 303 (a) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.* An Export Trade Certificate of Review provides the certificate holder and its members with limited antitrust immunity for specified export-related activities. Application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review is voluntary. The information to be collected is found at 15 CFR part 325—Export Trade Certificates of Review. The collection of information is necessary for both the Departments of Commerce and Justice to conduct an antitrust analysis, in order to determine whether the applicant’s proposed export-related conduct meets the standards in Section 303(a) of the Act. The collection of information constitutes the essential basis of the statutory determinations to be made by the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General.

The Department of Commerce conducts its economic and legal analysis of the information supplied by applicants through Export Trading Company Affairs and the Office of the General Counsel. In the Department of Justice, analysis is conducted by the Antitrust Division.

Title III was enacted to reduce uncertainty regarding the application of U.S. antitrust laws to export activities—especially joint export activities involving domestic competitors. Among

other benefits, the Export Trade Certificate of Review provides its holder and members named in the Certificate with (a) immunity from government actions under state and federal antitrust laws for the export conduct specified in the Certificate, and (b) some protection from frivolous private suits, by limiting liability in private actions to actual damages when the challenged activities are covered by an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

II. Method of Collection

Form ITA–4093P is sent by request to U.S. firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625–0125.

Form Number: ITA–4093P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12

Estimated Time per Response: 32 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 384.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$55,296.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited (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 costs) 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 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 20, 2008.

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: International Trade Administration.

Title: Foreign-Trade Zones Application.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0139.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 6,651.

Number of Respondents: 74.

Average Hours per Response: 38 to 151 hours (depending on type of application).

Needs and Uses: The Foreign-Trade Zone Application is the vehicle by which individual firms or organizations apply for foreign-trade zone (FTZ) status, subzone status, or expansion of an existing zone. The FTZ Act and regulations require that an application with a description of the proposed project be made to the FTZ Board (19 U.S.C. 81b and 81f; 15 CFR 400.24–26) before a license can be issued or a zone can be expanded. It is also required that applications contain detailed information on facilities, financing, operational plans, proposed manufacturing operations, need, and economic impact. The manufacturing activity in zones, which is primarily conducted in subzones, can involve issues related to domestic industry and trade policy impact. Such applications must include specific information on the Customs tariff-related savings that result from zone procedures and the economic consequences of permitting such savings. The FTZ Board needs complete and accurate information on the proposed operation and its economic effects because the Act and regulations authorize the Board to restrict or prohibit operations that are detrimental to the public interest.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions; and business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

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