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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Headquarters office, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. This meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During this meeting Provincial Advisory Committee members will receive information about the Climate Change initiative-adaptation strategies and the Access Travel Management Plan. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Becki Heath, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-664-9200.

Dated: January 27, 2009.

Rebecca Lockett Heath,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3).

Form Number(s): M-3(SD).

OMB Control Number: 0607-0008.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 17,200.

Number of Respondents: 4,300.

Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the currently approved collection for the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey. This survey collects monthly data from domestic manufacturers on Form M-3 (SD), which is mailed at the end of each month. Data requested are shipments, new orders, unfilled orders, total inventory, materials and supplies, work-in-process, and finished goods. It is currently the only survey that provides broad-based monthly statistical data on the economic conditions in the domestic manufacturing sector. The survey is designed to measure current industrial activity and to provide an indication of future production commitments. The value of shipments measures the value of goods delivered during the month by domestic manufacturers. Estimates of new orders serve as an indicator of future production commitments and represent the current sales value of new orders received during the month, net of cancellations. Substantial accumulation or depletion of backlogs of unfilled orders measures excess (or deficient) demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

This survey provides an essential component of the current economic indicators needed for assessing the evolving status of the economy and formulating economic policy. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has designated this survey as a principal federal economic indicator. The shipments and inventory data are essential inputs to the gross domestic product (GDP), while the orders data are direct inputs to the leading economic indicator series. The GDP and the

economic indicator series would be incomplete without these data. The survey also provides valuable and timely domestic manufacturing data for economic planning and analysis to business firms, trade associations, research and consulting agencies, and academia.

The data are used for analyzing short- and long-term trends, both in the manufacturing sector and as related to other sectors of the economy. The data on value of shipments, especially when adjusted for change in inventory, measure current levels of production. New orders figures serve as an indicator of future production commitments. Changes in the level of unfilled orders, because of excess or shortfall of new orders compared with shipments, are used to measure the excess (or deficiency) in the demand for manufactured products. Changes in the level of inventories and the relation of these to shipments are used to project future movements in manufacturing activity. These statistics are valuable for analysts of business cycle conditions including members of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the Federal Reserve Board (FRB), the Department of the Treasury, business firms, trade associations, private research and consulting agencies, and the academic community.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131, 182, 193, and 224.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: February 5, 2009.

Glenna Mickelson,

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: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Request to Initiate an Investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0120.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 3,000.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Average Hours per Response: 7 hours and 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Upon request, BIS will initiate an investigation to determine the effects of imports of specific commodities on the national security, and will make the findings known to the President for possible adjustments to imports through tariffs. The findings are made publicly available and are reported to Congress. The purpose of this collection is to account for the public burden associated with the surveys distributed to determine the impact on national security.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

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

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 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 Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, Jasmeet_Seehra@omb.eop.gov or by fax to (202) 395-5167.

Dated: February 5, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Order No. 1601

Approval of Manufacturing Authority, Within Foreign-Trade Zone 64, Jacksonville, Florida, Bacardi USA, Inc. (Alcoholic Beverages)

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 Jacksonville Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 64, has requested authority under Section 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations on behalf of Bacardi USA, Inc., solely for the kitting of alcoholic beverages into gift sets (*i.e.*, does not involve authority for any type of manufacturing involving alcohol prohibited by the fifth proviso of section 81c of the FTZ Act) under FTZ procedures within FTZ 64 - Site 8, in Jacksonville, Florida (FTZ Docket 11-2008, filed 2/21/08);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 12374, 3/7/08);

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 approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for the kitting of alcoholic beverages into gift sets within FTZ 64 - Site 8 on behalf of Bacardi USA, Inc., as described in the application and **Federal Register** notice, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 30th day of January 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 4-2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 271 Jo-Daviess and Carroll Counties, IL, Application for Subzone Status, Danisco U.S.A., Inc., Sweeteners Division, (Xylitol, Xylose and Mannose)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Jo- Carroll Foreign Trade Zone Board, grantee of FTZ 271, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the xylitol, xylose, and mannose manufacturing plant of Danisco U.S.A., Inc., Sweeteners Division (Danisco), located in Thomson, 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 February 4, 2009.

The Danisco facility (80 employees/154 acres/120,000 sq.ft.) is located at 10994 Three Mile Road (Carroll County), Illinois. The plant is used to produce xylitol (nutritive sweetener), xylose (xylitol precursor) and mannose (dietary supplement) (annual production capacity: 12,000, 9,500 and 50 tons, respectively) for export and the domestic market. The manufacturing process involves filtration, separation, evaporation, hydrogenation and crystallization using domestic and foreign material inputs. Materials that would be purchased from abroad (representing about 20% of finished product value) include: xylose (crystalline, ML), l-arabinose, galactose, mannose, rhamnose, separation resins (*i.e.*, processing aids), and clamping bands (duty rate range: free 5.8%).

FTZ procedures would exempt Danisco from customs duty payments on the foreign materials used in export production (about 50% of annual shipments). On domestic shipments, the company could be able to elect the duty rate that applies to finished xylitol and D-Mannose (duty free) for the foreign material inputs noted above. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the