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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Request for Special Priorities Assistance

ACTION: Proposed collection: Comment request.

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 202-482-0266, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Marna Dove, BIS ICB Liaison, Department of Commerce, BIS Office of the Chief Information Officer, Room 6622, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collected on BIS-999, from defense contractors and suppliers, is required for the enforcement and administration of the Defense Production Act and the Selective Service Act to provide Special Priorities Assistance under the Defense Priorities and Allocation System (DPAS) regulation.

II. Method of Collection

Written or electronic submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0057.
Form Number: BIS-999.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 600.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: No start-up capital expenditures.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (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 cost) 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 other 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 will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of the Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On February 4, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of the initiation of a

new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China (PRC) covering the exporter/producer Beijing Dixon Ticonderoga Stationery Company, Ltd. (Beijing Dixon) and the period December 1, 2001, through November 30, 2002. *See Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping New Shipper Review*, 68 FR 5619 (*New Shipper Initiation*). For the reasons discussed below, we are rescinding the new shipper review of Beijing Dixon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 4, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Magd Zalok or Howard Smith at (202) 482 - 4162 or (202) 482 - 5193, respectively; AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 30, 2002, the Department received a request for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the PRC from Beijing Dixon, an exporter and producer of subject merchandise. Beijing Dixon's request appeared to include the relevant documentation and certifications required by section 351.214(b) of the Department's regulations. Pursuant to section 351.214(b)(2)(i) of the Department's regulations, Beijing Dixon certified that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI). Pursuant to sections 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A) and (B) of the Department's regulations, Beijing Dixon also certified that it has never been affiliated with any producer or exporter who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI, and that its export activities are not controlled by the PRC central government. Further, pursuant to section 351.214(b)(2)(iv) of the Department's regulations, Beijing Dixon provided documentation purporting to establish the date of its first U.S. entry of the subject merchandise, the volume of that and subsequent shipments, and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

On January 28, 2003, the Department initiated a new shipper review of Beijing Dixon covering the period December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2002. *See New Shipper Initiation*. The Department issued an antidumping questionnaire to Beijing Dixon on