

SUMMARY OF REASONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS FOR U.S. REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH CHINA PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 242 OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCESSION OF CHINA TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Other Synthetic Filament Fabric

Category 620

The United States believes that imports of Chinese-origin other synthetic filament fabric are, due to the existence of market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products. Further, the United States believes that imports of Chinese-origin other synthetic filament fabric are, due to the threat of market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products. Either finding supports a request for consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China under Paragraph 242 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization ("Paragraph 242"). The following facts, and others contained in this Statement, support these beliefs:

U.S. Imports from China Are Increasing Rapidly in Absolute Terms. U.S. imports of other synthetic filament fabric from China were 5,895,247 square meters for the entire twelve months of 2004. In the period January-June 2005, U.S. imports from China increased to 39,973,330 square meters, an increase of 1,185 percent from the January-June 2004 level.

U.S. Imports from the World Are Increasing Rapidly in Absolute Terms. U.S. imports of other synthetic filament fabric from all sources increased from 135,921 thousand square meters in January-June 2004 to 256,020 thousand square meters in January-June 2005 - an increase of 88 percent. Over thirty percent of this increase was attributable to imports from China.

The Average Unit Value of Imports from China Is Falling in 2005. In 2004, the average unit value of U.S. other synthetic filament fabric imports from China was US\$2.36 per square meter. In the period January-June 2005, the average unit value of those imports fell to US\$0.70 per square meter compared to US\$0.77 per square meter for "rest of world" imports.

The U.S. Other Synthetic Filament Fabric Industry is Vulnerable to Increasing Imports. U.S. production fell by 13 percent between the first quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, while the share of the market held by U.S. producers fell by 15 percentage points during this period.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICF describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument [if any].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 6, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail B. Scott, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5139; FAX: (202) 418-5524; e-mail: gscott@cftc.gov. and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Title: Notification of Pending Legal Proceedings Pursuant to 17 CFR 1.60, OMB Control No. 3038-0033—Extension.

The rule is designed to assist the Commission in monitoring legal proceedings involving the responsibilities imposed on contract markets and their officials and futures commission merchants and their principals by the Commodity Exchange Act, or otherwise. These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Commission's rulemaking authority contained in sections 4a(a), 4i, and 8a(5) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 6a(1), 6i, and 12a(5).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 48 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 21, 2005 (70 FR 35641).

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .10 hours per response.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 235.

Estimated number of responses: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: .10 hours.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0033 in any correspondence.

Gail B. Scott, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 30, 2005.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Lawrence B. Patent, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5439; FAX: (202) 418-5536; e-mail: lpatent@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rules Relating to Regulation of Domestic Exchange-Traded Options (OMB Control No. 3038-0007). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

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The rules require futures commission merchants and introducing brokers (1)