

Average Hours per Response: 5 seconds to 2 hours per response.
Needs and Uses: This information collection package supports nine various collections, notifications, reports, and information exchanges that are needed by the Office of Export Enforcement (BIS) and U.S. Customs Service to enforce the Export Administration Regulations and maintain the national security of the United States. Most of these activities do not involve submission of documents to BIS but instead involve exchange of documents among parties in the export transaction to ensure that each party understands its obligations under U.S. law. Others involve writing certain export control statements on shipping documents or reporting unforeseen changes in shipping and disposition of exported commodities.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Sehra, (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 Sehra, OMB Desk Officer, Jasmeet_K_Sehra@omb.eop.gov, or fax number (202) 395-5167.

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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: Firearms Convention.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0114.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 485.

Number of Respondents: 970.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The twenty-nine members of the Organization of American States (OAS), including the United States, signed the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (Firearms Convention) in 1997. The existing body of federal laws in the United States, including the Export Administration Act of 1979 (EAA), is adequate to satisfy the Convention's provisions regarding requirements for legislation.

This collection is required by Sections 742.17 and 748.14 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), which are authorized by Section 15(b) of the EAA. There are currently two information collection requirements necessary to implement the Firearms Convention: (1) U.S. exporters to acquire an Import Certificate to support requests for licenses authorizing the export of firearms and related equipment to participating OAS countries; and (2) a licensing requirement for Firearms Convention items destined to Canada, a Convention Signatory. A license was not previously required for the export of such items to Canada. It is now necessary for exporters to Canada to obtain a license.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

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 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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 9, 2009.

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(s) and instructions should be directed to Julius Smith Jr., U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 7K145, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4683 (or via the Internet at julius.smith.jr@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to continue the current OMB clearance for the Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (SPC). The SPC is conducted quarterly, collecting from manufacturing plants and publishers, the value of actual production and the value of production that could have been achieved if operating at "full production" levels. The survey also collects data on work patterns by shift. These data include hours in operation, production workers, and plant hours worked.

The primary user of these data will be the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and

will use the data in several ways. First, the capital workweek data will be used as an indicator of capital use in the estimation of monthly output (industrial production). Second, the workweek data will also be used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align industrial production (IP) with comprehensive benchmark information in the Economic Census, Manufacturing and Annual Survey of Manufactures. Third, the utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use the mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. An electronic version of the form for reporting via the Internet will also be offered. Companies will be asked to respond within 20 days of the initial mailing. This due date will be imprinted at the top of the form. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time. Subsequent to the letter, a telephone follow-up will be conducted.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0175.

Form Number: MQ-C2.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.75 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 52,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

\$1,594,425.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Section 182.

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 has 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 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 7, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-201-834)

Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From Mexico: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Quimica Amtex S.A. de C.V. (Amtex), the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) from Mexico. The review covers exports of the subject merchandise to the United States produced and exported by Amtex; the period of review (POR) is July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

We preliminarily find that Amtex made sales at less than normal value (NV) during the POR. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties based on differences between the export price (EP) or constructed export price (CEP) and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with the arguments: (1) a statement of the issues, (2) a brief summary of the arguments (no longer than five pages, including footnotes) and (3) a table of authorities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 10, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Flessner or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6312 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published the antidumping duty order on CMC from Mexico on July 11, 2005. *See Notice of Antidumping Duty Orders: Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Sweden*, 70 FR 39734 (July 11, 2005). On July 11, 2008, the Department published the notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of CMC from Mexico for the period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 73 FR 39948 (July 11, 2008). On July 22, 2008, respondent Amtex requested an administrative review. On August 26, 2008, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 73 FR 50308 (August 26, 2008).

On August 26, 2008, the Department issued its standard antidumping duty questionnaire to Amtex. Amtex submitted its response to section A of the Department's questionnaire on October 14, 2008 (Amtex Section A Response). Amtex submitted its response to sections B and C of the Department's questionnaire on November 6, 2008 (Amtex Sections B and C Response).

On March 13, 2009, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire for sections A, B, and C, to which Amtex responded on March 20, 2009 (Amtex Supplemental Response).

Period of Review

The period of review (POR) is July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is all purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), sometimes also referred to as purified sodium CMC, polyanionic cellulose, or cellulose gum, which is a white to off-white, non-toxic, odorless, biodegradable powder, comprising sodium CMC that has been refined and purified to a minimum assay of 90 percent. Purified CMC does not include unpurified or crude CMC, CMC Fluidized Polymer Suspensions, and CMC that is cross-linked through heat treatment. Purified CMC is CMC that has undergone one or more purification operations which, at a minimum, reduce the remaining salt and other by-product portion of the product to less than ten percent. The merchandise subject to this