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 Approximately 10 minutes
Needs and Uses: The goal of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program is to improve global competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing establishment. A variety of services are provided by over 70 centers. This collection, conducted in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, measures the impacts of those services on the nation's manufacturers.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.
 Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by

calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 07/23/97-08/20/97

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Penley Corporation	P.O. Box 277, West Paris, ME 04289.	07/30/97	Wooden Clothespins, Lumber, Wood Craft Products, and Toothpicks.
Mechanism Design, Inc	4325 Sarellen Road, Richmond, VA 23231.	07/30/97	Precision Machined Parts for Various End Uses, Primarily Tobacco Processing Equipment and Escalator.
Mountain Woods, Inc	20631 Highway 2, East Glacier Park, MT 59434.	08/01/97	Cutlery.
Jonco Diversified's, L.L.C	P.O. Box 515, Waynesville, MO 65583.	08/04/97	Walnut Wood Trophies.
Plastic Craft Jewelry Co., Inc	12 Dunham Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.	08/04/97	Ladies Costume Jewelry and Giftware—Pewter and Metal Statutes, and Keyrings.
Trooper, Inc	2804 Wilco Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904.	08/04/97	Men's and Boy's Trousers and Shirts.
Key Industries, Inc	400 Marble Road, Fort Scott, KS 66701.	08/06/97	Workpants, Overalls, Coveralls, Jackets and Shirts.
Quick Cast Ltd	P.O. Box 1055, 5500 Peru Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.	08/06/97	Zinc Die Cast Buckles.
Service Manufacturing Group, Inc. (The).	601 Northland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211.	08/06/97	Large Metal Enclosures, Industrial Control Systems and Machined Metal Parts.
Circuit Connect, Inc	4 State Street, Nashua, NH 03063.	08/08/97	Printed Circuit Boards.
Cirque Works, L.L.C	1650 SW Highland Parkway, Portland, OR 97221.	08/12/97	Sporting Goods.
NTR, Inc., dba Blue Water Ltd.	209 Lovvorn Road, Carrollton, GA 30117.	08/15/97	Ropes and Harnesses of Nylon, Carbiners and Hardware for Recreational Climbing.
Seattle Gear, Inc	2245 First Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134.	08/15/97	Women's Designer Sportswear.
HNL, Inc	3250 Victor Street, Building C, Santa Clara, CA 95054.	08/15/97	Precision Microwave Components.
Cranston Print Works Company	1381 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 02920.	08/20/97	Printed Textile Fabric.
Gold Seal Tank Co	27 Lowell Street, Fall River, MA 02722.	08/20/97	Above Ground Oil Storage Tanks.
Shuttle-Tex, Inc	5821 Adams Street, West New York, NJ 07093.	08/20/97	Schiffli Embroidery and Venise Lace.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive

with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request

a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, no later than the close of business of the

tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: August 19, 1997.

Anthony J. Meyer,

Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on the potential market impact of proposed new material disposals and proposed revisions to current disposal levels of certain National Defense Stockpile commodities under the Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Annual Materials Plan (AMP).

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the interagency National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee is seeking public comment on the potential market impact of Department of Defense proposed new

material disposals for Beryllium Copper Master Alloy, Chromium (Metal), Columbium (Carbide), Columbium (Minerals), Titanium Sponge, Tungsten (Ores & Concentrates), Tungsten (Carbide), Tungsten (Metal Powder), and Tungsten (Ferro) under a revised FY 1998 AMP. In addition, the revised AMP proposal includes raising the current FY 1998 disposal levels for Palladium, Platinum, and Bauxite (Surinam).

DATES: Comments must be received by September 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Richard V. Meyers, Co-Chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Room 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard V. Meyers, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3634; or Richard Watkins, International Commodities Division, U.S. Department of State, (202) 647-2871; co-chairs of the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*) (the Act), the Department of Defense (as National Defense Stockpile Manager) maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs

of the United States for national defense. The Act (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to "advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile * * *." The Committee must also balance market impact concerns with the statutory requirement to protect the Government against avoidable loss.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, Treasury and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State. The Act directs the Committee to "consult from time to time with representatives of producers, processors and consumers of the types of materials stored in the stockpile."

The Committee is now considering Defense's proposed new National Defense Stockpile material disposal levels and revisions to current Stockpile material disposal levels under the FY 1998 AMP. These materials are currently under Congressional consideration for disposal in FY 1998. The Committee is seeking public comment on the potential market impact of the sale of these materials in the event that Congress does grant such disposal authority.

The new materials list identified below is proposed for inclusion in the FY 1998 AMP:

PROPOSED NEW MATERIAL DISPOSAL AUTHORITY FOR FY 1998

Material	Units	Current FY 1998 quantity	Revised FY 1998 quantity
Beryllium Copper Master Alloy	ST	0	1,250
Chromium (Metal)	ST	0	500
Columbium (Carbide)	LBS Cb	0	21,372
Columbium (Minerals)	LBS Cb	0	200,000
Titanium Sponge	ST	0	4,000
Tungsten (Ores & Concentrates)	LBS W	0	2,000,000
Tungsten (Carbide)	LBS W	0	100,000
Tungsten (Metal Powder)	LBS W	0	100,000
Tungsten (Ferro)	LBS W	0	100,000

The following list of materials are presently included in the FY 1998 AMP. However, DNSC proposes to increase

the maximum disposal authority for these materials.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FY 1998 AMP

Material	Units	Current FY 1998 quantity	Revised FY 1998 quantity
Palladium	Tr Oz	15,000	300,000
Platinum	Tr Oz	10,000	125,000
Bauxite (Surinam)	LDT	300,000	800,000