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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council, Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A partially closed meeting of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (PECSENC) will be held on June 22nd, 1998. The initial open session will convene at 9:00 a.m. in Hemisphere A of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The initial open session is scheduled to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The closed session will convene in Hemisphere A and continue at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4832, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The PECSENC will reconvene in open session at 4:00 p.m. in Room 4832. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Open Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives.
4. Legislative Panel briefing.

Closed Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

Open Session

6. Briefing by working groups.
 7. Open discussion.
- A Notice of Determination to close meetings, or portions of meetings, of the Subcommittee to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 522(c)(1) was approved May 7, 1998, in accordance with the Federal

Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, contact Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: June 3, 1998.

Iain S. Baird,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

User Satisfaction Surveys; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Jana Nelhybel, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Export Promotion Service, Room 2202, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-5367, and fax number (202) 482-5362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The International Trade Administration (ITA) provides a multitude of export promotion programs to help U.S. businesses. These programs include information products, services, and trade events. To accomplish its mission effectively, ITA needs ongoing

feedback on its programs. This information collection item allows ITA to solicit clients' opinions about the use of ITA products, services, and trade events. The information is used for program improvement, strategic planning, allocation of resources, and performance measures.

The surveys are part of ITA's effort to implement objectives of the National Performance Review (NPR) and Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Responses to the surveys will meet the needs of ITA performance measures based on NPR and GPRA guidelines. These performance measures will serve as a basis for justifying and allocating human and financial resources.

Survey responses will acquaint ITA managers with firms' perceptions and assessments of export-assistance products and services. Also, the survey will enable ITA to track the performance of overseas posts. This information is critical for improving the programs.

Survey responses are used to assess client satisfaction, assess priorities, and identify areas where service levels and benefits differ from client expectations. Clients benefit because the information is used to improve services provided to the public. Without this information, ITA is unable to systematically determine client perceptions about the quality and benefit of its export-promotion programs.

II. Method of Data Collection

ITA faxes, mails or telephones surveys to clients.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0217.

Form Number: ITA-4108P-A1, ITA-4110P, etc.

Type of Review: Revision-regular submission.

Affected Public: ITA clients that purchased products and services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,312.

Estimated Time Per Response: Range from 05-60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,444.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$326,640.00 (\$190,540.00 for respondents and \$136,100.00 for the federal government).

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 costs) 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 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: June 3, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Information Services Order Form; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Brenda Coleman, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Export Promotion Service, Room 2202, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-2505, and fax number (202) 482-4433.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS) Export Assistance Centers offer their clients DOC programs, market research, and services to enable the client to begin exporting or to expand existing exporting efforts.

The Information Services Order Form is used by US&FCS trade specialists in the Export Assistance Centers to collect information about clients in order to determine which programs or services would best help clients meet their export goals. This form is required for clients to order US&FCS programs and services. Certain programs are tailored for individual clients, e.g., the Agent Distributor Service, which identifies potential overseas agents or distributors for a particular U.S. manufacturer.

The form is being revised because some of the product names have changed or have been discontinued.

II. Method of Data Collection

Trade specialists gather information from clients at the Export Assistance Centers.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0143.

Form Number: ITA-4096P.

Type of Review: Revision-Regular submission.

Affected Public: Companies interested in ordering export promotion products or services.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,675.

Estimated Time Per Response: Range from 5 to 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 483 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$122,750.00 (\$16,852.00 for respondents and \$105,898.00 for federal government).

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 costs) 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 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: June 3, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission/Exhibition Evaluation; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: John Klingelhut, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Export Promotion Services, Room 2810, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-4403, and fax number: (202) 482-0872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

DOC and DOC-certified trade missions and exhibitions are overseas events planned, organized and led by government and non-government export promotion agencies such as industry trade associations; agencies of Federal, State, and local governments; chambers of commerce; regional consortia; and other export-oriented groups. This form is used to: (1) evaluate the effectiveness of DOC or DOC-certified overseas trade events through the collection of information relating to required performance measures; (2) document the results of participation in DOC