

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 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 John Paletta, Bureau of the Census, Room 3715-3, Washington, DC 20230, (301) 457-4269.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In 1999 the American Community Survey (ACS) will be conducted in 53 counties. Data from the ACS will determine the feasibility of a continuous measurement system that provides socioeconomic data on a continual basis throughout the decade. The Census Bureau must provide a sample of persons residing in Group Quarters (GQs) the opportunity to be interviewed for the ACS. GQs include places such as student dorms, correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, and military quarters. Obtaining characteristic information from the GQs will ensure that we include the necessary people residing at GQs in the 1999 ACS.

A GQ screening operation is being conducted in conjunction with 1998 ACS activities. This request revises the existing GQ clearance for use in the 1999 ACS. Major changes are in the estimated number of respondents and in the estimated time per response. In 1998 we are screening a sample of the GQs in eight counties. In 1999 we will screen a sample of the GQs in 53 counties. After completing one-third of the 1998 screening, we have learned that screening averages about 20 minutes per response instead of 10 minutes as originally estimated. In 1999 we will use the same questionnaire for screening that we are using in 1998, Form ACS-2(GQ), ACS GQ Screening.

We will telephone a sample of GQs in the 53 counties where the 1999 ACS will be conducted. We will verify/update information such as GQ name, address, type, and phone number. We will screen to determine if the residents stay for less than 30 days and have another place to live. If so, the GQ will be classified as out-of-scope for ACS interviewing. If the GQ is in-scope, we will screen to determine if we can complete ACS interviews of the GQ residents by mail, thus saving the expense of personal visits. We will obtain a list of rooms and/or residents from which we can select a sample. All

ACS interviewing will be conducted under OMB clearance number 0607-0810.

II. Method of Collection

Telephone interviews will be conducted from Census Bureau's National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0836.

Form Number: ACS-2(GQ).

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900 GQs in the 1999 ACS.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes (.33 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The group quarters screening is part of the 1999 American Community Survey, the cost of which is estimated to be 38.8 million dollars.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, USC, 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 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 26-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 50—Long Beach, CA Withdrawal of Application for Subzone Status for the L.A. Gear Footwear Distribution Facility

Notice is hereby given of the withdrawal of the application submitted by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Long Beach, grantee of FTZ 86, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the footwear distribution facility of L.A. Gear, Inc. The application was filed on April 7, 1997 (62 FR 18312, 4/15/97).

The withdrawal was requested by the applicant because of changed circumstances, and the case has been closed without prejudice.

Dated: June 12, 1998.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of revocation of Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 85-00014.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Secretary is revoking the certificate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202/482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (Pub. L. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1996). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on December 20, 1985 to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of

Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, Section 235.14(a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (Sections 325.14(b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(b)). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a)(3) and 325.14(c)).

On June 22, 1995, the Department of Commerce sent to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on July 7, 1995. Additional reminders were sent on June 11, 1996 and on June 4, 1997. The Department has received no written response from Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company to any of these letters.

On May 1, 1998, and in accordance with Section 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations, (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company thirty days to respond was published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 1998 at 61 FR 60091. Pursuant to 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department considers the failure of Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated June 16, 1998, to notify Grays Harbor Exporting Trading Company of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register** (325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11).

Dated: June 16, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Standards Conformity—National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 21, 1998.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert Gladhill, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Building 820, Room 306, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. (301) 975-4273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation (NVCASE) Program includes activities related to laboratory testing, product certification, and quality system registration. The information provided is used to conduct an evaluation. After NVCASE evaluation, NIST provides recognition to qualified U.S. organizations that effectively demonstrate conformance with established criteria. The ultimate goal is to help U.S. manufacturers satisfy applicable product requirements mandated by other countries through conformity assessment procedures conducted in this country prior to export.

NVCASE recognition (1) provides other governments with a basis for having confidence that qualifying U.S. conformity assessment bodies (CABs) are competent, and (2) facilitates the acceptance of U.S. products in foreign regulated markets based on U.S. conformity assessment results. NVCASE would promote U.S. trade with Europe and allow the flow of U.S. products to those countries unhindered.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants submit written information to NIST.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0019.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Accreditation Bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total annual cost to submit this information for fiscal year 1998 and future years is \$1500. The cost is borne by the entities submitting the information.

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Dated: June 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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