

characterize the impacts of this collaboration on agency operations and the public trust.

Documented operational Lessons Learned from the entirety of the project and recommendations for next steps will accompany the report. The outcome of this pilot study will provide the Census Bureau and the USPS with baseline descriptive and qualitative information that can be used to inform future field-based collaborations.

II. Method of Collection

Census Bureau staff will train Postal Carriers to successfully conduct enumeration to complete the activity. Postal Carriers will be sworn to uphold the same confidentiality as Census Bureau employees. They will perform enumeration functions using the same procedures and automation as other enumerators during the hours of 5 p.m.–8 p.m. on weekdays, variable weekend hours, and both inside and outside the geographic constraints of their assigned routes.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–XXXX.

Form Number(s): DH–16(LN), DH–16(LN)(E/S).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: 31,479.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,889.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,148.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$199,080.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 23, 141, 193.

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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

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.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at PRACOMMENTS@DOC.GOV).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Erica Filipek, U.S. Census Bureau, EID, CENHQ Room 7K057, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301)763–5161 (or via the Internet at Erica.Mary.Filipek@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions, also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). We also plan revisions to the current collection. The SOC collects monthly data on new residential construction from a sample of owners or builders. The Census Bureau uses the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) electronic questionnaires SOC–QI/SF.1 and SOC–

QI/MF.1 to collect data on start and completion dates of construction, physical characteristics of the structure (floor area, number of bathrooms, type of heating system, etc.), and if applicable, date of sale, sales price, and type of financing. The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts and Housing Completions, which are from the New Residential Construction series, and New Residential Sales.

After working with the survey sponsor and key data users, the Census Bureau has decided to add one new data item to the single-family questionnaire regarding ceiling height.

With respect to survey burden, the Census Bureau samples about 1,620 new buildings each month (19,440 per year). Census Bureau staff inquire about the progress of each building multiple times until it is completed (and a sales contract is signed, if it is a single-family house that is built for sale). For single-family buildings, there are an average of 8.11 interviews and for multifamily buildings, an average of 7.0 interviews. The total number of interviews conducted each year for single-family buildings is about 102,186 and for multifamily buildings is about 47,880. Each interview takes 5 minutes on average. Therefore, the total annual burden is 12,506 hours.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to collect the data through CAPI.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0110.

Form Number(s): SOC–QI/SF.1 and SOC–QI/MF.1.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,440.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,506.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 131 and 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.

Sheleen Dumas,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-834-810]

Titanium Sponge From Kazakhstan: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable. September 13, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lilit Astvatsatryan at (202) 482-6412 or Ariela Garvett at (202) 482-3609, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petition

On August 24, 2017, the U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) received a countervailing duty (CVD) Petition concerning imports of titanium sponge from Kazakhstan, filed in proper form on behalf of Titanium Metals Corporation (the petitioner). The CVD Petition was accompanied by antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of titanium sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan.¹ The petitioner is a domestic producer of titanium sponge.²

On August 30, 2017, the Department requested supplemental information

pertaining to certain areas of the Petition.³ The petitioner filed responses to these requests on September 1, 2017.⁴ The petitioner filed revised scope language on September 11, 2017.⁵

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioner alleges that the Government of Kazakhstan (GOK) is providing countervailable subsidies, within the meaning of section 771(5) of the Act, to imports of titanium sponge from Kazakhstan, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing titanium sponge in the United States. Also, consistent with section 702(b)(1) of the Act, for those alleged programs on which we are initiating a CVD investigation, the Petition is accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioner supporting its allegations.

The Department finds that the petitioner filed this Petition on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioner is an interested party as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. The Department also finds that the petitioner demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to the initiation of the CVD investigation that the petitioner is requesting.⁶

Period of Investigation

Because the Petition was filed on August 24, 2017, the period of investigation (POI) is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.⁷

Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is titanium sponge from Kazakhstan. For a full description of the scope of this investigation, *see* the "Scope of the Investigation," in the Appendix to this notice.

Comments on Scope of the Investigation

During our review of the Petition, the Department issued questions to, and

³ See Letter from the Department, "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing and Antidumping Duties on Imports of Titanium Sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan: Supplemental Questions," dated August 30, 2017 (Kazakhstan CVD Supplemental Questionnaire).

⁴ See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from the petitioner, re: "Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Titanium Sponge from Kazakhstan: TIMET Response to Supplemental Questionnaire," (September 1, 2017) (Kazakhstan CVD Supplement).

⁵ See Letter from the Department, "Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Titanium Sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan: Supplemental Questions," dated September 8, 2017 (Second General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire).

⁶ See "Determination of Industry Support for the Petition" section, below.

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(2).

received responses from, the petitioner pertaining to the proposed scope to ensure that the scope language in the Petition would be an accurate reflection of the product for which the domestic industry is seeking relief.⁸

As discussed in the preamble to the Department's regulations, we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (scope).⁹ The Department will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with the interested parties prior to the issuance of the preliminary determination. If scope comments include factual information,¹⁰ all such factual information should be limited to public information. To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, the Department requests all interested parties to submit such comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, which is 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice. Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, October 13, 2017, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comments deadline.

The Department requests that any factual information the parties consider relevant to the scope of the investigations be submitted during this time period. However, if a party subsequently finds that additional factual information pertaining to the scope of the investigations may be relevant, the party may contact the Department and request permission to submit the additional information. All such comments must be filed on the records of each of the concurrent AD and CVD investigations.

Filing Requirements

All submissions to the Department must be filed electronically using Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS).¹¹ An electronically

⁸ See Second General Issues Supplemental Questionnaire; *see also* Second General Issues Supplement, at Attachment D.

⁹ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties; Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21).

¹¹ See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Electronic Filing Procedures; Administrative Protective Order Procedures*, 76 FR 39263 (July 6, 2011); *see also* *Enforcement and Compliance: Change of Electronic Filing System Name*, 79 FR 69046 (November 20, 2014) for details of the Department's electronic filing requirements, which went into effect on August 5, 2011.

Information on help using ACCESS can be found at <https://access.trade.gov/help.aspx>, and a handbook can be found at <https://access.trade.gov/help/>

¹ See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from the petitioner re: "Titanium Sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan: Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties" (August 24, 2017) (the Petition).

² *Id.*, Volume I of the Petition, at 1.