

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Economic Analysis****Proposal To Collect Information on the Initial Report on a Foreign Person's Direct or Indirect Acquisition, Establishment, or Purchase of the Operating Assets, of a U.S. Business Enterprise**

**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 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:** Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m., May 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov), (202) 482-0266.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey forms and instructions to: Joseph F. Cherry III, Chief, Direct Investment in the United States Branch, International Investment Division (BE-49NI), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, phone: (202) 606-9817; fax: (202) 606-5319; or via the Internet at [joseph.cherry@bea.gov](mailto:joseph.cherry@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Initial Report on a Foreign Person's Direct or Indirect Acquisition, Establishment, or Purchase of the Operating Assets, of a U.S. Business Enterprise, Including Real Estate (Form BE-13) and the Report by a U.S. Person Who Assists or Intervenes in the Acquisition of a U.S. Business Enterprise by, or Who Enters Into a Joint Venture with, a Foreign Person (Form BE-14), obtain initial data on new foreign direct investment in the United States. The surveys collect identification information on the U.S. business being established or acquired and on the new foreign owner, information on the cost of the investment and source of funding, and limited financial and operating data

for the newly established or acquired entity. The data are needed to measure the amount of new foreign direct investment in the United States, assess its impact on the U.S. economy, and, based upon this assessment, make informed policy decisions regarding foreign direct investment in the United States. The information from the survey is also used to build sample frames for other BEA surveys of foreign direct investment in the United States, including the quarterly balance of payments survey (form BE-605).

The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They should be readily available to answer any number of research and policy questions related to new foreign direct investment in the United States.

The forms remain the same as in the past. No changes in the data collected or in exemption levels are proposed.

**II. Method of Collection**

Form BE-13 must be filed by every U.S. business with over \$3 million of assets or cost of investment, or 200 or more acres of U.S. land, that is acquired to the extent of 10 percent or more, or is established, by a foreign investor. It is a one-time report that must be filed within 45 days of the acquisition or establishment. A BE-13 Supplement C—Exemption Claim—must be filed for transactions that do not meet either of the reporting thresholds. Form BE-14 is filed by a person who assists in an investment transaction, such as a real estate broker or attorney, or who enters into a U.S. joint venture with a foreign person. Its purpose is to provide BEA with the name and address of the newly established or acquired U.S. company, so that a BE-13 form can be mailed to it for completion. A BE-14 is not filed, however, if a U.S. person files a BE-13 relating to the establishment or acquisition of the U.S. business enterprise by a foreign person.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0608-0035.

*Form Numbers:* BE-13/BE-14.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600 annually.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1½ hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 900 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$36,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 900 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$40).

**Legal Authority:** The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended.

**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 will 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: February 23, 2006.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Advocacy Questionnaire**

**ACTION:** 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, or e-mail [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Christel Fredrikson, The

Advocacy Center, Room 3814A, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-4747, and fax number; (202) 482-3508.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The U.S. Department of Commerce invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed extension of the use of the advocacy questionnaire by the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee's (TPCC) Advocacy Network. The questionnaire is used to evaluate requests for United States Government (USG) advocacy in connection with overseas commercial bids, offers, and proposals. The International Trade Administration's Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. commercial interests competing for foreign government commercial projects, procurements, investments, and business ventures worldwide. The mission of the Advocacy Center is to coordinate USG commercial advocacy in order to promote U.S. exports, trade which both creates and sustains U.S. employment. The Advocacy Center works with and coordinates activities within TPCC, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion. The purpose of the advocacy questionnaire is to collect the information necessary to evaluate a commercial interest's (e.g., a company's) eligibility for USG advocacy assistance. There are clear, well-established USG advocacy guidelines that describe the various situations in which the USG can provide advocacy support for a specific commercial interest. The questionnaire was developed to collect only the information necessary to determine if a commercial interest meets the eligibility requirements set forth in the advocacy guidelines. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, U.S. Embassy/Consulate officials worldwide, and other federal government agencies (the Advocacy Network) that provide advocacy support, will require firms seeking USG advocacy support to complete the questionnaire. Without the information, the USG would be unable to determine the eligibility of commercial interests seeking USG advocacy support.

##### II. Method of Collection

When U.S. commercial interests request USG advocacy assistance, they are either sent Form ITA-4133P or referred to the Advocacy Center's web site from which Form ITA-4133P may be downloaded completed, signed, and filed.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0625-0220.

*Form Number:* ITA-4133P.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Commercial Interests seeking USG advocacy.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 205.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs:* \$15,300.00 [\$9,175.00 for respondents and \$6,125.00 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: February 23, 2006.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

##### Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is automatically initiating five-year ("Sunset Reviews") of the antidumping duty orders listed below. The International Trade Commission ("the Commission") is publishing concurrently with this notice its notice of *Institution of Five-year Review* which covers these same orders.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 1, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Department official identified in the *Initiation of Review(s)* section below at AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. For information from the Commission contact Mary Messer, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission at (202) 205-3193.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department's procedures for the conduct of Sunset Reviews are set forth in its *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) and 70 FR 62061 (October 28, 2005). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of Sunset Reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98.3 - *Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders; Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

##### Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.218(c), we are initiating the Sunset Reviews of the following antidumping duty orders:

DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Product	Department Contact
A-351-825 .....	731-TA-678	Brazil	Stainless Steel Bar (2nd Review)	Zev Primor (202) 482-4114
A-533-810 .....	731-TA-679	India	Stainless Steel Bar (2nd Review)	Zev Primor (202) 482-4114
A-588-833 .....	731-TA-681	Japan	Stainless Steel Bar (2nd Review)	Zev Primor (202) 482-4114
A-469-805 .....	731-TA-682	Spain	Stainless Steel Bar (2nd Review)	Zev Primor (202) 482-4114