

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Initial Patent Application.

Form Numbers: Agency—PTO/SB/01/02/03/04/05/17/18/19/20.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,387,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 221,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10.8 hours.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this information collection is to permit the Patent and Trademark Office to determine whether an application meets the criteria set forth in the patent statutes and regulations. The application paper quality, size, and format requirements will facilitate the automatic processing and digital image and/or optical character recognition scanning of application materials. The standard Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17), New Utility Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/05), New Design Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/18), New Plant Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/19), Plant Color Coding Sheet (PTO/SB/20), Declaration (PTO/SB/01), and Plant Patent Application Declaration (PTO/SB/03) will assist applicants in complying with the requirements of the patent statutes and regulations, and will further assist the PTO in processing and examination of the application.

Affected Public: Any individual filing a patent application.

Frequency: When filing a patent application.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing DOC clearing officer, Linda Engelmeier, Department of Commerce, Room 5327.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: May 22, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census**Survey of Plant Capacity**

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting 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 Elinor Champion, Bureau of the Census, Room 2135 FB-4, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a survey of plant capacity. The Census Bureau has conducted this survey annually from 1973 through 1988. Then in 1990, 1992, and 1994 we collected 2 years worth of data concurrently. This request is regarding the 1996 survey which will collect data for 1995 and 1996. Data are gathered from a sample of manufacturing plants in the United States. The survey forms will collect data on the value of plant production during actual operations and at full production capability. The survey will also collect estimates of production under a national emergency situation. Data are used in measuring inflationary pressures, capital flows, in understanding productivity determinants, and analyzing and forecasting economic and industrial trends. The survey results will be used

by such agencies as the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, International Trade Administration, and the Department of Defense.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0175.

Form Number: MQ-C1.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 34,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$589,900.

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: May 22, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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International Trade Administration**[A-421-805]****Aramid Fiber Formed of Poly Para-Phenylene Terephthalamide From the Netherlands; Extension of Time Limit of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review****AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results in the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on aramid fiber formed of poly para-phenylene terephthalamide (PPD-T aramid) from the Netherlands, covering the period December 16, 1993, through May 31, 1995, because it is not practicable to complete the review within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Little or Maureen Flannery, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On April 9, 1996, the Department published the preliminary results of this review (see *Aramid Fiber Formed of Poly Para-Phenylene Terephthalamide from the Netherlands; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 61 FR 15766). The review covers the period December 16, 1993, through May 31, 1995.

It is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (see Memorandum for Paul Joffe from Joe Spetrini, Extension of Time Limits for 1993-95 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Aramid Fiber Formed of Poly Para-Phenylene Terephthalamide from the Netherlands, May 9, 1996). Therefore, in accordance with that section, the Department is extending the time limits for the final results to September 25, 1996. The Department adjusted the time limits by 28 days due to the government shutdowns, which lasted from November 14, 1995, to November 20, 1995, and from December 15, 1995, to

January 6, 1996. See Memorandum to the file from Susan G. Esserman, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, January 11, 1996. These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: May 16, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.

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BILLING CODE 3510-DS-M**[A-602-803]****Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Australia: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review****AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: In response to a request by the petitioners, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a Unit of USX Corporation, Inland Steel Industries, Inc., LTV Steel Company, Inc., National Steel Corporation, AK Steel Corporation, Gulf States Steel Inc. of Alabama, Sharon Steel Corporation, WCI Steel, Inc., and Lukens Steel Company, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia*. This review covers The Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Ltd. (BHP), the sole manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review (POR) August 1, 1994, through July 31, 1995. Because BHP failed to submit a response to our questionnaire, we have preliminarily determined to use facts otherwise available for cash deposit and assessment purposes.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Bolling or Jean Kemp, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3793.

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On July 9, 1993, the Department published in the Federal Register (58 FR 37079) the final affirmative antidumping duty determination on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Australia, and published an antidumping duty order on August 19, 1993 (58 FR 44161). On August 1, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register (60 FR 39150) a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Australia. On August 31, 1995, petitioners requested an administrative review of BHP, a manufacturer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States. We initiated the review on September 8, 1995 (60 FR 46817).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this administrative review constitute one "class or kind" of merchandise: certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products. The class or kind includes flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths which, if of a thickness less than 4.75 millimeters, are of a width of 0.5 inch or greater and which measures at least 10 times the thickness or if of a thickness of 4.75 millimeters or more are of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the HTS under item numbers 7210.31.0000, 7210.39.0000, 7210.41.0000, 7210.49.0030,