

§ 1675(b)(2)(A). Titanium sponge is provided for in subheading 8108.10.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jonathan Seiger (202-205-3183) or Vera Libeau (202-205-3176), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On July 23, 1968, in investigation No. AA1921-51, the U.S. Tariff Commission issued an affirmative injury determination with respect to imports of titanium sponge from the U.S.S.R.. Subsequently, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) issued an antidumping finding covering these imports (33 FR 12138, Aug. 28, 1968).<sup>2</sup> On November 7, 1984, in inv. No. 731-TA-161, the Commission issued an affirmative threat of injury determination with respect to imports of titanium sponge from Japan. Commerce issued an antidumping order covering these imports on November 30, 1984 (49 FR 47053, Nov. 30, 1984).

On December 9, 1997, the Commission received a request to review its affirmative determinations, as it applied to imports from Russia, in the light of changed circumstances (the request), pursuant to section 751(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1675(b)). The request was filed by counsel on behalf of TMC Trading International, Ltd., an Irish trading company involved in the distribution of titanium sponge from Russia, and TMC USA, Inc., its U.S. affiliate. The alleged changed circumstances include: (1) the different market position of the U.S. industry currently, as opposed to its position at the time of the finding; (2) the decision

by the U.S. industry to refocus its investment capital away from titanium sponge capacity towards titanium melt and fabricating capacity; (3) the cessation of titanium sponge production by the original petitioner; (4) the redirection of demand for titanium sponge away from military applications toward commercial and aerospace applications; (5) evidence that demand for titanium sponge is expected to remain strong for at least the next two to three years, and possibly as long as five years; (6) significant declines in titanium sponge capacity in the republics of the former Soviet Union generally, and particularly in Russia, which is the republic covered by the order in question, and; (7) the elimination of dumping margins on imports from Russia.

Because the alleged changed circumstances predominantly relate to the domestic industry and are not limited to imports from Russia, submissions should also address the possibility of the Commission self-initiating reviews of the outstanding orders on Japan (49 F.R. 47053, Nov. 30, 1984), Kazakstan (33 FR 12138, Aug. 28, 1968), and Ukraine (33 FR 12138, Aug. 28, 1968).

**Written Comments Requested**

Pursuant to section 207.45(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.45(b)), the Commission requests comments concerning whether the alleged changed circumstances are sufficient to warrant institution of review investigations.

**Written Submissions**

In accordance with section 201.8 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR 201.8), the signed original and 14 copies of all written submissions must be filed with the Secretary to the Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20436. All comments must be filed no later than February 6, 1998, which is at least 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Commission's determination regarding initiation of a review investigation is due within 30 days of the close of the comment period. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request business confidential treatment under section 201.6 of the Commission's rules (19 CFR 201.6). Such requests should be directed to the Secretary to the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. Each sheet must be clearly marked at the top "Confidential Business Information." The Commission

will either accept the submission in confidence or return it. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Secretary.

Copies of the non-confidential version of the request and any other documents in this matter are available for public inspection during regular business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission; telephone 202-205-2000.

Issued: December 23, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**President's Advisory Board on Race**

**ACTION:** President's Advisory Board on Race; notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Advisory Board on Race will meet on January 13 and 14, 1998, in Phoenix, Arizona at a site or sites to be determined. The morning meeting on January 13, 1998 will start at approximately 10:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 1:00 p.m. The agenda will include a meeting of corporate and labor leaders, as well as other employee representatives, to discuss the experiences and challenges associated with race in the workplace. The events on the first day will also include visits of Advisory Board members to local Promising Practices in the area of employment. The events on January 13th will conclude with a meeting with regional representatives of American Indian tribes that will start at approximately 5:00 p.m. and end at approximately 7:00 p.m.

On January 14, 1997 the meeting will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will end at approximately 6:00 p.m. The meeting will focus attention on existing racial disparities in employment and ensuring economic opportunities for all Americans.

The meetings will be open to public on a first-come, first-seated basis. Interested persons are encouraged to attend. Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to make comments at the meeting on January 14th. Members of the public may also submit to the contact person, any time before or after the meeting, written statements to the Board. Written comments may be submitted by mail, telegram or facsimile, and should contain the writer's name, address and

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<sup>2</sup>In 1992, the Department of Commerce (Commerce), in response to the division of the former Soviet Union into 15 independent states, changed the original antidumping finding against the U.S.S.R. to 15 separate antidumping orders covering the Baltic states and the republics of the former Soviet Union (57 F.R. 36070 (1992)). Commerce has since revoked all of the orders except those on imports from Kazakstan, Russia, and Ukraine.

commercial, government, or organizational affiliation, if any.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Contact our main office number, (202) 395-1010, for the exact location of the meetings. Other comments or questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Randy Ayers, (202) 395-1010, or via facsimile, (202) 395-1020.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

**Robert Wexler,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 22, 1997.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Todd R. Owen ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Owen-Todd@dol.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday-Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate 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;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Ventilation Plans, Tests and Examinations in Underground Coal Mines.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0088 (Extension, with change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profit; small businesses or organizations.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden
75.310 .....	980	Weekly .....	64,512	7 minutes .....	7,523
75.312 .....	1,003	Daily .....	1,293	.24485 minutes .....	99,739
75.321(c)(d) .....	980	Monthly .....	11,760	.3325 minutes .....	3,920
75.312(g) .....	620	On occasion .....	7,440	5 minutes .....	620
75.312(g)(2)(ii) .....	23	On occasion .....	276	10 minutes .....	46
75.342 .....	980	Monthly .....	27,612	.1669 minutes .....	4,610
75.351(h) .....	60	Monthly .....	1,560	3.836 .....	5,984
75.360 .....	980	On occasion .....	448,490	3.279 hrs .....	1,470,667
75.361 .....	980	On occasion .....	15,000	30 minutes .....	7,500
75.362 .....	980	On occasion .....	864,535	.7434 minutes .....	642,744
75.363 .....	980	On occasion .....	76,700	.1333 minutes .....	10,224
75.364 .....	980	On occasion .....	44,740	9.1837 hours .....	410,878
75.370 .....	980	On occasion .....	1,878	20.355 hours .....	38,226
75.382 .....	300	Weekly .....	15,000	1 hour .....	15,000
Totals .....	.....	.....	2,262,566	1.20376 hours .....	2,717,687

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.*

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$194,256.*

Requires operators of underground coal mines to keep records of the results of certain tests and examinations which are required to be performed to monitor the ventilation system. The information is used to insure that the integrity of the ventilation system is being maintained and that a safe working environment is being provided to miners.

**Todd R. Owen,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Modification Request Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a request to modify a permit issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670).

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to the permit modification on or before January 30, 1998. The permit modification request may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce A. Jatko or Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1030.