

compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development (R&D) activity. The data will be used to measure the economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States and to analyze its effect on the U.S. economy. They will also be used in formulating, and assessing the impact of, U.S. policy on foreign direct investment.

Several revisions to the survey are being proposed to bring it into conformity with the BE-12 Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States—1997. BEA proposes to raise the exemption level for the survey to \$30 million on the BE-15(SF) short form, up from \$10 million (measured by the company's total assets, sales, or net income or loss), thereby reducing respondent burden for small companies; on the survey's long form, the BE-15(LF), the exemption level will be raised to \$100 million, up from \$50 million. In addition, BEA proposes to base industry coding on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in place of the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification system, and to modify the detail collected on the composition of external financing of the reporting enterprise, on research and development expenditures, and on the operations of foreign-owned businesses in individual States.

II. Method of Collection

The BE-15 annual survey will be sent to potential respondents at the end of March each year. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year will be due to be filed by May 31, 60 days after mailing. Reports must be filed by every nonbank U.S. business enterprise that is owned 10 percent or more by a foreign investor and that has total assets, sales, or net income (or loss) of over \$30 million. Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that report in the 1997 benchmark survey of foreign direct investment in the United States, along with affiliates that subsequently enter the direct investment universe. The BE-15 is a cutoff-sample survey, as described; universe estimates are developed from the reported data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0034.

Form Number: BE-15.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,975.

Estimated Time Per Response: 26 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 128,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,840,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 128,000 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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: July 6, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Technical Advisory Committees; Notice of Recruitment of Private-Sector Members

SUMMARY: Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) advise the Department of Commerce on the technical parameters for export controls applicable to dual-use commodities and technology and on the administration of those controls. The TACs are composed of representatives from industry and Government representing diverse points of view on the concerns of the exporting community. Industry representatives are selected from firms producing a broad range of goods, technologies, and software presently controlled for national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation, and short supply reasons or that are proposed for such controls, balanced to the extent possible among large and small firms.

TAC members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve terms

of not more than four consecutive years. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. TAC members must obtain secret-level clearances prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members can be permitted access to relevant classified information needed in formulating recommendations to the Department of Commerce. Each TAC meets approximately 4 times per year. Members of the Subcommittee will not be compensated for their services.

Three TACs are currently seeking to fill membership vacancies. Those TACs and the areas in which they advise the Department of Commerce are the following: the Materials Processing Equipment TAC—Control List Category 2 (materials processing); the Regulations and Procedures TAC—the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and procedures for implementing the EAR; and the Transportation and Related Equipment TAC—Control List Category 9 (propulsion systems, space vehicles, and related equipment).

To respond to this Notice of Recruitment, please send a fact sheet on your company as well as a resume/biography to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Materials may also be faxed to Ms. Carpenter at (202) 501-8024.

DEADLINE: This Notice of Recruitment will be open for 20 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated July 6, 1998.

Iain S. Baird,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) will be held July 23, 1998, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M(2), 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that

affect the level of export controls applicable to advanced materials and related technology.

Agenda:

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Explanation on purpose of electing Co-Chair.
3. Election of Co-Chair.
4. Presentation on status of Chemical Weapons Convention.
5. Presentation on status of Biological Weapons Convention implementation protocol.
6. Presentation on technical issues for chemical and equipment related to Australia Group list review.
7. Presentation on technical issues for biologicals and biological equipment related to Australia Group list review.
8. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee.

Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA/BXA MS:3886C, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews and Intent To Revoke in-Part

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of certain corrosion-resistant

carbon steel flat products and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada. These reviews cover six manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (three manufacturers/exporters of corrosion resistant steel and four manufacturers/exporters of cut-to-length steel plate), and the period August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value ("NV") by various companies subject to these reviews. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of these administrative reviews, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price ("EP") or constructed export price ("CEP") and the NV.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyn Baranowski (Dofasco Inc. and Sorevco Inc. (collectively, "Dofasco")), Eric Scheier (Continuous Colour Coat ("CCC")), Lesley Stagliano (Algoma Steel, Inc. ("Algoma")), Gideon Katz (Gerdau MRM Steel ("MRM")) and A.J. Forsyth and Co., Ltd. ("Forsyth")), N. Gerard Zapiain (Stelco, Inc. ("Stelco")), or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (62 FR 27379, May 19, 1997).

Background

On August 19, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (58 FR 44162) the antidumping duty orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada. On August 12, 1997, Forsyth requested a review of its exports of cut-to-length

steel plate. On August 13, 1997, CCC requested a review of its exports of corrosion-resistant steel. On August 28, 1997, Algoma requested a review of its exports of cut-to-length steel plate and that the Department revoke the order on cut-to-length steel plate with regard to Algoma. On August 29, 1997, the following companies also requested reviews for their exports of corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products: Dofasco (corrosion-resistant steel), Stelco (corrosion-resistant steel and cut-to-length steel plate), and MRM (cut-to-length steel plate). On August 29, 1997, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group (a Unit of USX Corporation), Inland Steel Industries Inc., AK Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Co., Inc., and National Steel Corporation, petitioners, requested reviews of CCC, Dofasco, and Stelco on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products. On September 8, 1997, Stelco submitted an addendum to its August 29, 1997 submission, requesting that the Department revoke the orders on corrosion-resistant steel and carbon steel plate with regard to Stelco, pursuant to Section 351.222(b) of the Department's regulations. On September 25, 1997, in accordance with Section 751 of the Act, we published a notice of initiation of administrative reviews of these orders for the period August 1, 1996 through July 31, 1997 (62 FR 50292).

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. On March 19, 1998, the Department published a notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results in the review to July 3, 1998. See *Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 63 FR 13990.

The Department is conducting these reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.

Scope of Reviews

The products covered by these administrative reviews constitute two separate "classes or kinds" of merchandise: (1) certain corrosion-resistant steel and (2) certain cut-to-length plate.

The first class or kind, certain corrosion-resistant steel, includes flat-rolled carbon steel products of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-