

SUMMARY: The Klamath Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on November 18–19, 1999, at the Klamath County Community Meeting Room, in the Klamath County Courthouse, 316 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon. On Thursday, November 18, the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m. On Friday, November 19, the meeting will start at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 1 p.m. Agenda items for the meeting include: (1) Survey and Manage Update; (2) Total Maximum Daily Load Letter Proposal; (3) Watershed Analysis Prioritization on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests; (4) Subcommittee Reports; and (5) Public Comment Periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 530–841–4468 (voice), TDD 530–841–4573.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Margaret J. Boland,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of application filing deadline.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program application window for funding during fiscal year (FY) 2000. For FY 2000, \$20 million in grants and \$200 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects serving rural America. The funding will be provided in three categories: (1) \$13 million will be available for grants; (2) \$130 million will be available for loans; and (3) \$77 million will be available for combination grants and loans (\$7 million in grants paired with \$70 million in loans).

DATES: Applications for grants must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 17, 2000. Applications for FY 2000 loans or combination loans and grants may be submitted at anytime up to September 30, 2000, and will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ADDRESSES: Applications are to be submitted to the Rural Utilities Service,

U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250–1550.

Applications should be marked

“Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Orren E. Cameron, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, STOP 1550, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1590, Telephone (202) 690–4493, Facsimile (202) 720–1051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For FY 2000, \$13 million in grants, a combination of \$7 million in grants paired with \$70 million in loans, and \$130 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects.

Notice is hereby given that under 7 CFR 1703.124, 1703.133, and 1703.143, RUS has determined the maximum amount of an application for a grant that will be considered for funding in FY 2000 as \$350,000. The maximum amount for a loan, generally, that will be considered for funding in FY 2000 is \$10,000,000. However, RUS may fund a project greater than \$10,000,000 subject to the project's feasibility and the availability of loan funds.

Applications for financial assistance must be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR part 1703, subparts D, E, F, and G, which establish the policies and procedures for submitting an application for financial assistance. These subparts and an application guide to assist in the preparation of applications are available on the Internet at the following address: “<http://www.usda.gov/rus/dlt/dlml.htm>”. Applications guides may also be requested from RUS by contacting one of the following Area Offices: Eastern Area, USDA—RUS, Phone: (202) 690–4673; Northwest Area, USDA—RUS, Phone: (202) 720–1025; Southwest Area, USDA—RUS, Phone: (202) 720–0800.

Each application will be reviewed for completeness in accordance with 7 CFR part 1703, subparts D, E, F, and G. The applicant will be notified within 15 working days of receipt of the results of this review, citing any information needed to complete the application. It is suggested that grant applications be submitted prior to the deadline to ensure they can be reviewed and considered complete by the deadline.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Quarterly Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs.

Form Number(s): SORAR–705.

Agency Approval Number: 0607–0130.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,400.

Avg Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts the Quarterly Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs to collect information on real-property improvements and repairs from a sample of owners or designated representatives of rental or vacant residential housing units. We mail this survey quarterly to respondents over a one-year period. We use data gathered in this survey as a component to our published estimates of expenditures for residential upkeep and improvement. Data on improvements and repairs to owner occupied housing units are gathered in the Consumer Expenditures Survey and are also incorporated into published estimates. Estimates are used by a variety of private businesses and trade associations for marketing studies, economic forecasts, and assessments of the construction industry. They also provide all levels of government with a tool to evaluate economic policy and measure progress towards established goals. For example, the Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the improvement statistics to develop the structures component of gross private domestic investment in the national income and product accounts.

This submission requests a three year extension of the current expiration date. The only change is a 20 percent increase in sample size due to an equivalent sample size increase in the Consumer Expenditures Survey, from which the Quarterly Survey of Residential Alterations and Repairs obtains its sample.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket No. 50-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 77—Memphis, TN, Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 77B Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc., (Postage Franking Machines and Electronic Business Equipment), Shelby County, Tennessee

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Memphis, Tennessee, grantee of FTZ 77, requesting on behalf of Brother Industries (U.S.A.) Inc. (Brother), to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 77B, at the Brother plant in Shelby County, Tennessee. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on October 18, 1999.

Subzone 77D was approved by the Board in 1995 at two sites in Bartlett, Tennessee (Shelby County): *Site 1*—a 25-acre manufacturing facility at Brother Boulevard and Highway 64, and *Site 2*—a 20-acre warehouse facility at 3141 Appling Road, with authority granted for the manufacture of electric and automatic typewriters and word processors (Board Order 774, 60 FR 48100, 9/18/95).

Brother is now proposing to expand the scope of manufacturing activity conducted under zone procedures at

Subzone 77B to include postage franking machines and electronic business equipment. At the outset, the company is expecting to manufacture postage franking machines (HTSUS 8470.90—duty-free). Brother is also requesting to include in its scope of authority other electronic business equipment that it may produce in the future, including computer printers, facsimile machines, multifunction printer/facsimile/copier machines, labeling and barcode printers, and printer supplies. Foreign-sourced materials may include the following items: ink cartridge assemblies, printing ink, polyacetals and epoxide resins, plastic tubes, hoses and fittings, rubber and plastic self-adhesive film, friction tape, transmission belts, paper pulp filter blocks, screws, washers, bolts, springs, parts and accessories of calculators, cash registers and postage franking machines, electromechanical devices with self-contained motors, computer subassemblies and parts, ball or roller bearings, transmission shafts, electric motors and generators, transformers, adaptors, capacitors, resistors, printed circuit boards (PCBs), PCB shield plates, printed wiring boards, surge arrestors, electrical switching equipment, semiconductor devices, integrated circuits, insulated wire and cable, wire and cable fittings, and liquid crystal devices. Foreign-sourced materials will account for, on average, 50 percent of the postage franking machine's value.

FTZ procedures would exempt Brother from Customs duty payments on foreign components used in export production (some 10% of production). On its domestic sales, Brother would be able to choose the lower duty rate (duty-free to 8.7%, mostly duty-free) that applies to the finished products for the foreign components noted above (duty-free to 12.5%, weighted average for postage franking machines is 1.3%). FTZ procedures will also help Brother implement a more cost-effective system for handling Customs requirements (including weekly entry filings, reduced brokerage fees and Customs merchandise processing fees). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's

Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 7, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 24, 2000.

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.
Department of Commerce, Room
3716, 14th and Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW., Washington, DC
20230.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export
Assistance Center, Buckman Hall,
650 East Parkway South, Suite 348,
Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-557-805]

Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request by the petitioner and three producers/exporters of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. This review covers four manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd., Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd., and Rubfil Sdn. Bhd.). The period of review is October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below the normal value by three of the four companies subject to this review. If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who wish to submit comments