

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**U.S. Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Surveys (CPS) Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS)**

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karen Woods, U.S. Census Bureau, 7H110F, Washington, DC 20233-8400 at (301) 763-3806 (or via the internet at Karen.g.wms.woods@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of data concerning the HVS. The current clearance expires June 30, 2014.

Collection of the HVS in conjunction with the CPS began in 1956, and serves a broad array of data users. We conduct the HVS interviews with landlords or other knowledgeable people concerning vacant housing units identified in the monthly CPS sample and meeting certain criteria. The HVS provides the only quarterly statistics on rental vacancy rates and homeownership rates for the United States, the four census regions, the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the 75 largest metropolitan areas (MAS). Private and public sector organizations use these rates extensively to gauge and analyze the housing market with regard to

supply, cost, and affordability at various points in time.

In addition, the rental vacancy rate is a component of the index of leading economic indicators published by the Department of Commerce.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and congressional staff use these data to advise the executive and legislative branches of government with respect to the number and characteristics of units available for occupancy and the suitability of housing initiatives. Several other government agencies use these data on a continuing basis in calculating consumer expenditures for housing as a component of the gross national product; to project mortgage demands; and to measure the adequacy of the supply of rental and homeowner units. In addition, investment firms use the HVS data to analyze market trends and for economic forecasting.

II. Method of Collection

Field representatives collect this HVS information by personal-visit interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. We collect HVS data concerning units that are vacant and intended for year-round occupancy as determined during the CPS interview. Approximately 7,000 units in the CPS sample meet these criteria each month. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0179.

Form Number: HVS-600 (Fact Sheet for the Housing Vacancy Survey), CPS-263 (MIS-1) (L) (Introductory letter explaining the need for the survey and answering frequently asked questions) and BC-1428RV (Brochure—The U.S. Census Bureau Respects Your Privacy and Keeps Your Personal Information Confidential).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals who have knowledge of the vacant sample unit (e.g., landlord, rental agents, neighbors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000 per month.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,317 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C. 182, and Title 29, U.S.C. 1-9.

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: January 29, 2014.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-912 and C-570-913]

Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of the determinations by the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (the USITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order and revocation of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires (OTR Tires) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and a continuation or recurrence of net countervailable subsidies and material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department is publishing a notice of continuation of these AD and CVD orders.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 4, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Huston (AD) or Demitrios Kalogeropoulos (CVD), AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4261 or (202) 482-2623, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 1, 2013, the Department initiated a sunset review of these orders, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).¹ As a result of its review, the Department determined that revocation of the AD order on OTR Tires from the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and that revocation of the CVD order on OTR Tires from the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of net countervailable subsidies and, therefore, notified the USITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping and the subsidy rates likely to prevail should the order be revoked.² On January 22, 2014, the USITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act, that revocation of the AD and CVD orders on OTR Tires from the PRC would lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.³

Scope of the Order

The products covered by the scope of these *Orders* are new pneumatic tires designed for off-the-road (OTR) and off-highway use, subject to exceptions identified below. Certain OTR tires are generally designed, manufactured and offered for sale for use on off-road or off-highway surfaces, including but not limited to, agricultural fields, forests, construction sites, factory and warehouse interiors, airport tarmacs, ports and harbors, mines, quarries, gravel yards, and steel mills. The vehicles and equipment for which certain OTR tires are designed for use include, but are not limited to: (1) Agricultural and forestry vehicles and equipment, including agricultural

tractors,⁴ combine harvesters,⁵ agricultural high clearance sprayers,⁶ industrial tractors,⁷ log-skidders,⁸ agricultural implements, highway-towed implements, agricultural logging, and agricultural, industrial, skid-steers/mini-loaders;⁹ (2) construction vehicles and equipment, including earthmover articulated dump products, rigid frame haul trucks,¹⁰ front end loaders,¹¹ dozers,¹² lift trucks, straddle carriers,¹³ graders,¹⁴ mobile cranes,¹⁵ compactors; and (3) industrial vehicles and equipment, including smooth floor, industrial, mining, counterbalanced lift trucks, industrial and mining vehicles other than smooth floor, skid-steers/mini-loaders, and smooth floor off-the-road counterbalanced lift trucks.¹⁶ The

⁴ Agricultural tractors are dual-axle vehicles that typically are designed to pull farming equipment in the field and that may have front tires of a different size than the rear tires.

⁵ Combine harvesters are used to harvest crops such as corn or wheat.

⁶ Agricultural sprayers are used to irrigate agricultural fields.

⁷ Industrial tractors are dual-axle vehicles that typically are designed to pull industrial equipment and that may have front tires of a different size than the rear tires.

⁸ A log-skidder has a grappling lift arm that is used to grasp, lift and move trees that have been cut down to a truck or trailer for transport to a mill or other destination.

⁹ Skid-steer loaders are four-wheel drive vehicles with the left-side drive wheels independent of the right-side drive wheels and lift arms that lie alongside the driver with the major pivot points behind the driver's shoulders. Skid-steer loaders are used in agricultural, construction and industrial settings.

¹⁰ Haul trucks, which may be either rigid frame or articulated (*i.e.*, able to bend in the middle) are typically used in mines, quarries and construction sites to haul soil, aggregate, mined ore, or debris.

¹¹ Front loaders have lift arms in front of the vehicle. They can scrape material from one location to another, carry material in their buckets, or load material into a truck or trailer.

¹² A dozer is a large four-wheeled vehicle with a dozer blade that is used to push large quantities of soil, sand, rubble, *etc.*, typically around construction sites. They can also be used to perform "rough grading" in road construction.

¹³ A straddle carrier is a rigid frame, engine-powered machine that is used to load and offload containers from container vessels and load them onto (or off of) tractor trailers.

¹⁴ A grader is a vehicle with a large blade used to create a flat surface. Graders are typically used to perform "finish grading." Graders are commonly used in maintenance of unpaved roads and road construction to prepare the base course onto which asphalt or other paving material will be laid.

¹⁵ *I.e.*, "on-site" mobile cranes designed for off-highway use.

¹⁶ A counterbalanced lift truck is a rigid framed, engine-powered machine with lift arms that has additional weight incorporated into the back of the machine to offset or counterbalance the weight of loads that it lifts so as to prevent the vehicle from overturning. An example of a counterbalanced lift truck is a counterbalanced fork lift truck. Counterbalanced lift trucks may be designed for use on smooth floor surfaces, such as a factory or warehouse, or other surfaces, such as construction sites, mines, *etc.*

foregoing list of vehicles and equipment generally have in common that they are used for hauling, towing, lifting, and/or loading a wide variety of equipment and materials in agricultural, construction and industrial settings. Such vehicles and equipment, and the descriptions contained in the footnotes are illustrative of the types of vehicles and equipment that use certain OTR tires, but are not necessarily all-inclusive. While the physical characteristics of certain OTR tires will vary depending on the specific applications and conditions for which the tires are designed (*e.g.*, tread pattern and depth), all of the tires within the scope have in common that they are designed for off-road and off-highway use. Except as discussed below, OTR tires included in the scope of the proceeding range in size (rim diameter) generally but not exclusively from 8 inches to 54 inches. The tires may be either tube-type¹⁷ or tubeless, radial or non-radial, and intended for sale either to original equipment manufacturers or the replacement market. The subject merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.20.10.25, 4011.20.10.35, 4011.20.50.30, 4011.20.50.50, 4011.61.00.00, 4011.62.00.00, 4011.63.00.00, 4011.69.00.00, 4011.92.00.00, 4011.93.40.00, 4011.93.80.00, 4011.94.40.00, and 4011.94.80.00. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope is dispositive.

Specifically excluded from the scope are new pneumatic tires designed, manufactured and offered for sale primarily for on-highway or on-road use, including passenger cars, race cars, station wagons, sport utility vehicles, minivans, mobile homes, motorcycles, bicycles, on-road or on-highway trailers, light trucks, and trucks and buses. Such tires generally have in common that the symbol "DOT" must appear on the sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Such excluded tires may also have the following designations that are used by the Tire and Rim Association:

Prefix letter designations:

- P—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars;

¹⁷ While tube-type tires are subject to the scope of this proceeding, tubes and flaps are not subject merchandise and therefore are not covered by the scope of this proceeding, regardless of the manner in which they are sold (*e.g.*, sold with or separately from subject merchandise).

¹ See *Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Review*, 78 FR 46575 (August 1, 2013).

² See *Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order*, 78 FR 77101 (December 20, 2013); *Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 79 FR 2415 (January 14, 2014), (collectively, *Orders*).

³ See *Certain Off-the-Road Tires From China*, 79 FR 3624 (January 22, 2014).

- LT—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks; and,
 - ST—Identifies a special tire for trailers in highway service.
- Suffix letter designations:
- TR—Identifies a tire for service on trucks, buses, and other vehicles with rims having specified rim diameter of nominal plus 0.156" or plus 0.250"
 - MH—Identifies tires for Mobile Homes;
 - HC—Identifies a heavy duty tire designated for use on "HC" 15" tapered rims used on trucks, buses, and other vehicles. This suffix is intended to differentiate among tires for light trucks, and other vehicles or other services, which use a similar designation.
 - Example: 8R17.5 LT, 8R17.5 HC;
 - LT—Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service; and
 - MC—Identifies tires and rims for motorcycles.

The following types of tires are also excluded from the scope: Pneumatic tires that are not new, including recycled or retreaded tires and used tires; non-pneumatic tires, including solid rubber tires; tires of a kind designed for use on aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, and vehicles for turf, lawn and garden, golf and trailer applications. Also excluded from the scope are radial and bias tires of a kind designed for use in mining and construction vehicles and equipment that have a rim diameter equal to or exceeding 39 inches. Such tires may be distinguished from other tires of similar size by the number of plies that the construction and mining tires contain (minimum of 16) and the weight of such tires (minimum 1500 pounds).

Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the USITC that revocation of the AD and CVD orders would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and net countervailable subsidies and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the AD and CVD *Orders* on OTR Tires from the PRC. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD duty and CVD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of this continuation of the *Orders* will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the

next five-year review of the *Orders* not later than 30 days prior to the effective date of the continuation.

The five-year (sunset) review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: January 29, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico and Turkey: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigations

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 4, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang (Mexico) or Jolanta Lawska (Turkey), AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1168, or (202) 482-8362, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

On September 24, 2013, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping duty investigations on steel concrete reinforcing bar from Mexico and Turkey.¹ The notice of initiation stated that the Department, in accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1), would issue its preliminary determination for these investigations, unless postponed, no later than 140 days after the date of the initiation. The original signature date for the preliminary determination was February 11, 2014. Subsequently, as explained in a memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, the Department exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the

duration of the closure of the Federal Government from October 1, through October 16, 2013.² Accordingly, all deadlines in these investigations were extended by 16 days. Thus, the preliminary determination of these antidumping duty investigations is currently due no later than February 27, 2014.

On January 27, 2014, more than 25 days before the scheduled preliminary determination, the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (RTAC) and its individual members (collectively, "Petitioners"),³ pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e), made a timely request for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determination in these investigations.⁴ Petitioners noted in their request that this extension will provide additional time for the Department to review respondents' submissions and to request supplemental information, so that the preliminary determinations will reflect the most accurate results possible.

The Department has found no compelling reason to deny the request and, therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to no later than 206 days after the date on which it initiated these investigations (the original 140-day period, plus a 50-day postponement, and the 16 days tolled for the shutdown of the Federal Government). Therefore, the new deadline for issuing the preliminary determination is now April 18, 2014.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: January 29, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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² See Memorandum for the Record from Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Shutdown of the Federal Government" (October 18, 2013).

³ Petitioners are RTAC and its individual members: Byer Steel Group, Inc., Schnitzer Steel Industries d/b/a Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc., Commercial Metals Company, Gerdau Ameristeel U.S. Inc., and Nucor Corporation.

⁴ See Letter from Petitioners to the Secretary of Commerce, "Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey—Request to Extend the Antidumping Duty Preliminary Determination," dated January 27, 2014.

¹ See *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico and Turkey: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 78 FR 60827 (October 2, 2013).