

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey requests data from domestic manufacturers on form M-3(SD) which will be mailed at the end of each month. Data requested are shipments, new orders, unfilled orders, total inventory, materials and supplies, work-in-process and finished goods. It is currently the only survey which provides broad-based monthly statistical data on the economic conditions in the domestic manufacturing sector. It is designed to measure current industrial activity and to provide an indication of future production commitments. The value of shipments measures the value of goods delivered during the month by domestic manufacturers. Estimates of new orders serve as an indicator of future production commitments and represent the current sales value of new orders received during the month, net of cancellations. Substantial accumulation or depletion of backlog of unfilled orders measures excess (or deficient) demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

The total annual burden hours are decreased from 24,000 to 20,400 due to two reasons: (1) companies discontinuing reporting on the survey mainly because the survey is not

mandatory; and (2) the poor response to our survey expansion efforts.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents submit data on form M3-SD via mail or facsimile machine. Respondents also transmit data using the Touchtone Data Entry (TDE) system or by telephone call from our Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) system.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0008.
Form Number: M-3(SD).
Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,150.
Estimated Time Per Response: .33 hour.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,400.
Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$263,775.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 131 and 182.

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: March 26, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 02/19/97-03/14/97

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Wilson Woodworks, Inc	9121 Key Peninsula Highway North, Lakebay, WA 98349.	02/19/97	Log home kits.
Quality Aero, Inc	5305 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901	02/21/97	Model airplane motors, parts for model airplane motors, and model airplane parts.
Wishbone Woodworks, Inc	110 Brodhead Street, Mazomanie, WI 53560	02/26/97	Walnut award plaques.
Seaway Plastic Productions, Inc	6033 Sherwin Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668 ..	02/26/97	Electronic and medical component parts for computers, telephones, pumps and dialysis machines.
Mohawk Resources, Inc	P.O. Box 110 Vrooman, Amsterdam, NY 12010.	02/27/97	Service lifts for cars, trucks and busses.
Ponderosa Products, Inc	1701 Bellamah, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87125.	03/06/97	Particleboard and components.
Semiconductors, Inc	3680 Investment Lane, Riviera Beach, FL 33404.	03/10/97	Transistors and diodes.
Canvas Fabricators, Inc	P.O. Box 8, Carthage, MO 64836	03/11/97	Tarpaulins for trucks and boats and for awnings.
Two seeds Co., Ltd	2325 West Vancouver, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.	03/12/97	Fishing rods.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently,

the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether

increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm

contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 7023, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Anthony J. Meyer,

Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee, Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Technical Advisory Committee will be held April 24, 1997, 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. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Review of export control of materials usable for production of isotope separation centrifuges, including a report on type "E" fiberglass producers in countries of proliferation concern.
4. Consideration of a recommendation to eliminate controls on materials usable for production of centrifuges that are not significantly better than those produced from E-glass.
5. Briefing on the meeting of the Biological Weapons Convention Ad Hoc Group.
6. Presentation and discussion of industry concerns regarding

implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention.

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 date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, 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: March 26, 1997.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 8-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 82; Mobile, AL; Application for Subzone Status Coastal Mobile Refining Company (Oil Refinery Complex), Mobile County, AL; Correction

The **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 8422, 2/25/97) describing the application submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Mobile, Alabama, grantee of FTZ 82, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the oil refinery complex of Coastal Mobile Refining Company (wholly-owned subsidiary of Coastal Corporation), located in Mobile County, Alabama, is corrected as follows: Paragraph 3 should read, "The refinery produces asphalt and fuel products, including vacuum gas oil, naphtha, and diesel oil. All of the crude oil (almost all of inputs) is sourced abroad."

Paragraph 4, Sentence 2 should read, "On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the finished product duty rate (nonprivileged foreign status—NPF) on asphalt (duty-free), instead of the duty rates that would otherwise apply to foreign-sourced crude oil."

Dated: March 21, 1997.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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[Docket 17-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 143; West Sacramento, CA Area; Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Sacramento-Yolo Port District, grantee of FTZ 143, requesting authority to expand its zone in the West Sacramento and Lincoln, California area, adjacent to the San Francisco/Oakland/Sacramento Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of 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 March 19, 1997.

FTZ 143 was approved on August 6, 1987 (Board Order 360, 52 F.R. 30698, 8/17/87). The zone project currently consist of the following sites: *Site 1* (8 acres)—within the Port of Sacramento terminal area at 2650 Industrial Blvd. and Boatman Ave., West Sacramento; and, *Site 2* (6 acres, 2 Bldgs.)—within the Lincoln Airport Business Park, Aviation Boulevard, Lincoln, some 25 miles northeast of Sacramento.

This application is requesting authority to expand both existing sites as follows: *Site 1*—include the Southport area (505 acres) of the port complex located south of the Port's terminal facilities, West Sacramento, and include certain port property (173 acres) located at Industrial Boulevard and -2-Boatman Avenue, West Sacramento; and, *Site 2*—include the entire Lincoln Airport Business Park (1,280 acres), in Lincoln. The proposed expansion areas would be used primarily for warehousing/distribution and freight forwarding activity. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

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 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 2, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 16, 1997). A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public