

(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: May 5, 1998.

Linda Englemeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Export Trading Companies Contact Facilitation Service.

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 the 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Englemeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Mary Michael, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, Service Industries and Finance, Room 1800, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 482-5131, and fax: (202) 482-1790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Contact Facilitation Service (CFS) is designed to put producers together

with exporters. Many U.S. firms have never exported because of a fear of the risks involved in exporting and a lack of knowledge of the international marketplace. New-to-export firms need the assistance of firms offering export trade services. One of the purposes of the Export Trading Company (ETC) Act of 1982 is to increase United States exports of goods and services by encouraging more efficient provision of export trade services to U.S. producers and suppliers. Section 104 of the Act directs Commerce to provide a service to facilitate contact between producers of exportable goods and services and firms offering export trade services.

The International Trade Administration (ITA) maintains a database for U.S. manufacturers, export trading and management companies, wholesalers/distributors, and international service firms. The CFS is designed to help promote exports and enable U.S. producers to locate ETCs and export services providers. Companies registered in the database are also listed in annual editions of The Export Yellow Pages which are distributed throughout the United States and worldwide. Without the information collected by the form, the CFS and The Export Yellow Pages would be unreliable and ineffective, because users of this kind of information need the current information about the listed companies.

II. Method of Collection

Form ITA-4094P is sent by request to U.S. firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0120.

Form Number: ITA-4094P.

Type of Review: Revision-Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,750.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$198,184 (\$112,684 government and \$85,500 respondents).

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 costs) 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 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: May 5, 1998.

Linda Englemeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

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 the 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Englemeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Mary Michael, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, Service Industries and Finance, Room 1800, 14th and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 482-5131, and fax: (202) 482-1790.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-290, 96 Stat. 1233-1247), requires the Department of Commerce to establish a program to evaluate applications for

Export Trade Certificates of Review, and with the concurrence of the Department of Justice, issue such certificates where the requirements of the Act are satisfied. The Act requires that Commerce, with Justice concurrence, issue regulations governing the evaluation and issuance of certificates before Commerce can accept applications for certification. The collection of information is necessary for the antitrust analysis which is a prerequisite to issuance of a certificate. Without the information there would be no basis upon which a certificate could be issued.

In the Department of Commerce, this economic and legal analysis will be performed by the Office of Export Trading Company Affairs and the Office of the General Counsel. The Department of Justice analysis will be conducted by the Antitrust Division. The purpose of such analysis is to make a determination as to whether or not to approve an application and issue an Export Trade Certificate of Review. If this information is not collected, the antitrust analysis cannot be performed and without that analysis no certificate can be issued. A certificate provides its holder and members named in the certificate (a) immunity from government actions under state and Federal antitrust laws for the export conduct specified in the certificate; (b) some protection from frivolous private suits by limiting their liability in private actions to actual damages when the challenged activities are covered by an Export Certificate of Review. Title III was enacted to reduce uncertainty regarding application of U.S. antitrust laws to export activities—especially those involving actions by domestic competitors.

II. Method of Collection

Form ITA-4093P is sent by request to U.S. firms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0125.

Form Number: ITA-4093P.

Type of Review: Revision-Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time Per Response: 32 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 960.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$344,400 (\$260,000 government and \$134,400 respondents).

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 costs) 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 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: May 5, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Thane-Coat, Inc, Jerry Vernon Ford and Preston John Engebretson

In the Matters of: Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, Jerry Vernon Ford, President, Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at, 7707 Augustine Drive, Houston, Texas 77036, and Preston John Engebretson, Vice-President, Thane-Coat, Inc., 12725 Royal Drive, Stafford, Texas 77477, and with an address at 8903 Bonhomme Road, Houston, Texas 77074, Respondents.

Decision and Order on Renewal of Temporary Denial Order

On October 31, 1997, Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement Frank W. Deliberti issued a Decision and Order on Renewal of Temporary Denial Order (hereinafter "Order" or "TDO"), renewing for 180 days a May 5, 1997 Order naming Thane-Coat, Inc.; Jerry Vernon Ford, president Thane-Coat, Inc.; Preston John Engebretson, vice-president, Thane-Coat, Inc.; Export Materials, Inc.; and Thane-Coat, International, Ltd. (Thane-Coat, Inc., Ford, and Engebretson hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Respondents" and Export Materials, Inc. and Thane-Coat, International, Ltd., the "affiliated companies"), as persons

temporarily denied all U.S. export privileges 62 FR 60063-60065 (November 6, 1997). The Order will expire on April 29, 1998.

On April 17, 1998, pursuant to Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1997)) (hereinafter the "Regulations"), issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1998)) (hereinafter the "Act"),¹ the Office of Export Enforcement, Bureau of Export Administration, United States Department of Commerce (hereinafter "BXA"), requested that the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement renew the Order against Thane-Coat, Inc., Jerry Vernon Ford, and Preston John Engebretson for 180 days, pursuant to terms agreed to by and between the parties.

In its request, BXA stated that, as a result of an ongoing investigation, it had reason to believe that, during the period from approximately June 1994 through approximately July 1996, Thane-Coat, Inc., through Ford and Engebretson, and using its affiliated companies, Thane-Coat, International, Ltd. and Export Materials, Inc., made approximately 100 shipments of U.S.-origin pipe coating materials, machines, and parts to the Dong Ah Consortium in Benghazi, Libya. These items were for use in coating the internal surface of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe for the Government of Libya's Great Man-Made River Project.² Moreover, BXA's investigation gave it reason to believe that the Respondents and the affiliated companies employed a scheme to export U.S.-origin products from the United States, through the United Kingdom, to Libya, a country subject to a comprehensive economic sanctions program, without the authorizations required under U.S. law, including the Regulations. The approximate value of the 100 shipments at issue was \$35 million. In addition, the Respondents and the affiliated companies undertook several significant and affirmative

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 C.F.R., 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 C.F.R., 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)), August 14, 1996 (3 C.F.R., 1996 Comp. 298 (1997)), and August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43629, August 15, 1997), continued the Regulations in effective under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1998)).

² BXA understands that the ultimate goal of this project is to bring fresh water from wells drilled in southeast and southwest Libya through prestressed concrete cylinder pipe to the coastal cities of Libya. This multibillion dollar, multiphase engineering endeavor is being performed by the Dong Ah Construction Company of Seoul, South Korea.