

any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held thirty-seven days after publication of this notice, time and room to be determined, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our final determination no later than 75 days after this preliminary determination.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-428-817]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Germany: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Copyak at (202) 482-2209, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Time Limits

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time period for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and for the final determination to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

Background

On November 4, 1998, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany, covering the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997 (64 FR 60161). As of October 29, 1998, the Department had deferred that administrative review for one year (63 FR 58009). On October 1, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany, covering the period January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998 (64 FR 53318). The preliminary results of these two administrative reviews are currently due no later than May 2, 2000.

Extension of the Time Limit for Preliminary Results

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of these reviews within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than August 30, 2000. See Memorandum from John Brinkman, Acting Director, AD/CVD Enforcement Office VI, to Holly A. Kuga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II, dated March 31, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after publication of the preliminary results notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, 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 June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230 or via the Internet (LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Barbara Lambis, Senior Policy and Operations Advisor, Advanced Technology Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4700, Room 333, Administration Building, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4700 or via the Internet (Barbara.Lambis@nist.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Advanced Technology Program (ATP) is administered by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). ATP is a competitive, cost-sharing program designed for the federal government to work in partnership with industry to foster the development and broad dissemination of challenging, high-risk technologies that offer the potential for significant, broad-based economic benefits for the nation. This program provides multi-year funding through the use of cooperative agreements to single companies and to industry-led joint ventures. To receive ATP financial assistance, ATP solicits

proposals from U.S. businesses and industry-led joint ventures consisting of U.S. businesses, universities, governmental laboratories, and non-profit independent research organizations. The information provided through the proposal process is used to make funding decisions, and once funded, reports are required to monitor the progress of projects. Awardees may also be requested to participate in special economic studies.

II. Method of Collection

The proposal information is submitted in writing. The monitoring/case studies' reports are provided by various means, including in writing, orally (by telephone and during site visits), and electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0009.

Agency Form Number(s): NIST 1262 and NIST-1263.

Type of Review: Revision and extension for a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 925 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20-30 hours for proposals and 1-3 hours for monitoring/case studies' reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,275.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures required).

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 5, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: User Evaluation of DARPA Communicator Systems.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 120.

Number of Respondents: 160.
Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has provided funds to NIST to evaluate the DARPA Communicator implementations that have been built by research groups also funded by DARPA for that purpose. The evaluation is user-based and the users are paid research subjects. The subjects will fill out a user questionnaire that is intended to assess their user-satisfaction and subjective opinion about various aspects of each system that are being objectively measured. The information collected is intended to achieve three goals: (1) help implementors of Communicator programs to identify the successes and weaknesses of their implementations; (2) enable the research sponsor (DARPA) to identify and measure progress in order to assess the success of the program; and (3) advance the state of research knowledge about metrics and evaluation of task-based spoken dialogue systems.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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 David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

March 31, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special shift and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also