

domestic livestock, including sheep, goats, and cattle.

While the Forest is currently managed as one administrative unit, forest plans were completed separately and were signed prior to the Regional Forester identifying bighorn sheep as a sensitive species. The proposed forest-wide plan amendment would add plan components to both forest plans to support management of domestic livestock grazing while mitigating disease transmission risk to bighorn sheep. Disease transmission risk factors that may be analyzed include bighorn sheep management and herd dynamics, local topography, spatial or temporal separation, other herd characteristics, or range management actions.

In addition to forest plan components, site-specific conditions relative to risk of disease transmission between bighorn sheep and domestic livestock would be evaluated for each allotment. Domestic livestock grazing conditions, including but not limited to continuing sheep and goat grazing, switching from sheep and goat to cattle grazing, keeping allotments vacant, or closing allotments would be evaluated to determine how best to meet the need for action.

Preliminary Alternatives

The Forest has developed six preliminary alternatives: no action, current management strategies, no domestic livestock grazing, separation area delineations, allotment-by-allotment suitability determinations, and modified zone management.

Expected Impacts

The Forest will evaluate the proposed action and alternatives for potentially significant impacts including changes in the abundance and distribution of bighorn sheep, increased risk of disease transmission to bighorn sheep that result in population declines, changes in bighorn sheep viewing and hunting opportunities, changes to range conditions due to modification of grazing practices, and effects to local economies.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The USDA Forest Service is the lead agency for the analysis in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The two cooperating agencies include the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) as described here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-05-17/pdf/2019-10266.pdf>.

Responsible Official

The responsible official who will approve the Record of Decision is the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Supervisor.

Scoping Comments and the Objection Process

This notice of intent re-opens the scoping process that was initiated in the NOI published in the **Federal Register** in May 2019. Because the Forest continues to use the information received during the original comment period associated with the 2019 NOI, those comments need not be resubmitted. Comments submitted in response to this updated NOI will also be considered, and all comments will guide the development of the draft environmental impact statement. The Agency is requesting comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and identification of any relevant information, studies, or analyses concerning impacts that may affect the quality of the environment.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

The proposed action is subject to objection under Forest Service regulations found at 36 CFR 218 and 36 CFR 219. Commenting during scoping and any other designated opportunity to comment provided by the Responsible Official will establish eligibility to object once the final EIS and Draft Record of Decision have been published. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, they cannot be used to establish eligibility for the objection process.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Responsible Official will decide whether to approve the proposed amendment for the two Forest Plans to establish new plan components for domestic sheep and goat grazing on NFS lands within the range of the bighorn sheep and decide on site-specific allotment management for grazing of domestic sheep, goats, and cattle.

Substantive Provisions

In accordance with the regulation at 36 CFR 219.6, when evaluating an amendment for a Forest Plan, "the responsible official has the discretion to determine the scope, scale, and timing of an assessment" As per 36 CFR 219.13(b)(5), the responsible official shall, "[d]etermine which specific substantive requirement(s) within 219.8 through 219.11 are directly related to the plan direction being added, modified, or removed by the amendment and apply such requirement(s) within the scope and scale of the amendment." With the proposed amendment, the relevant substantive requirements include: 219.6(b)(6): Social, cultural, and economic conditions relevant to the plan area; 219.8(a)(1)(ii): Contributions of the plan area to ecological conditions within the broader landscape influenced by the plan area; 219.9(a)(2)(i): Key characteristics associated within terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem types; and 219.10(a)(7): Reasonably foreseeable risks to ecological, social, and economic sustainability.

Dated: February 10, 2023.

Troy Heithecker,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

[FR Doc. 2023-03354 Filed 2-16-23; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3411-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: The Census Bureau is giving notice of a virtual meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (CSAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including decennial, economic, field operations, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on:

- Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, and
- Friday, March 10, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Please visit the Census Advisory Committee website at <https://www.census.gov/about/cac/sac/>

[meetings/2023-03-meeting.html](#), for the CSAC meeting information, including the agenda, and how to join the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shana Banks, Advisory Committee Branch Chief, Office of Program, Performance and Stakeholder Integration (PPSI), shana.j.banks@census.gov, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, telephone 301-763-3815. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The members of the CSAC are appointed by the Director of the Census Bureau. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

All meetings are open to the public. Public comments will be accepted in writing only to shana.j.banks@census.gov (subject line “2023 CSAC Spring Virtual Meeting Public Comment”). A brief period will be set aside during the meeting to read public comments received in advance of 12:00 p.m. EDT, March 9, 2023. Any public comments received after the deadline will be posted to the website listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Robert L. Santos, Director, Census Bureau, approved the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 13, 2023.

Shannon Wink,
Program Analyst, Policy Coordination Office,
U.S. Census Bureau.

[FR Doc. 2023-03378 Filed 2-16-23; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-07-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 230209-0040]

RIN 0694-XC095

Effectiveness of Licensing Procedures for the Export and Reexport of Agricultural Commodities to Cuba

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is requesting public comments on the effectiveness of its licensing procedures as defined in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) for the export and reexport of

agricultural commodities to Cuba. BIS will include a description of any comments it receives in its biennial report to the Congress, as required by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, as amended (TSRA).

DATES: Comments must be received by March 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted via the Federal rulemaking portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>—you can find this notice by searching on its [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) docket number, which is BIS-2023-0004.

Comments may also be submitted by mail or delivery to Regulatory Policy Division, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2099B, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. Refer to RIN 0694-XC095.

All comments (including any personally identifying information) will be made available for public inspection and copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Huang, Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance, Telephone: (202) 482-4252. Additional information on BIS procedures and previous biennial reports under TSRA is available at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/country-guidance/sanctioned-destinations/13-policy-guidance/country-guidance/426-reports-to-congress>. Copies of these materials may also be requested by contacting the Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 906(a) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (22 U.S.C. 7205(a)), the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) authorizes exports and reexports of agricultural commodities, as defined in part 772 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), to Cuba. Requirements and procedures associated with such authorization are set forth in § 740.18 of the EAR (15 CFR 740.18). These are the only licensing procedures in the EAR currently in effect pursuant to the requirements of section 906(a) of TSRA.

Under the provisions of section 906(c) of TSRA (22 U.S.C. 7205(c)), BIS must submit a biennial report to the Congress on the operation of the licensing system implemented pursuant to section 906(a) for the preceding two-year period. This report must include the number and types of licenses applied for, the number and types of licenses approved, the average amount of time elapsed from the date of filing of a license application

until the date of its approval, the extent to which the licensing procedures were effectively implemented, and a description of comments received from interested parties during a 30-day public comment period regarding the effectiveness of the licensing procedures. Consistent with TSRA's requirements, BIS is currently preparing a biennial report on the operation of the licensing system for the two-year period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

Request for Comments

By this notice, BIS requests public comments on the effectiveness of the licensing procedures for the export and reexport of agricultural commodities to Cuba set forth under § 740.18 of the EAR. Parties submitting comments are asked to be as specific as possible. All comments received by the close of the comment period will be considered by BIS in developing the report to Congress.

All comments must be in writing and will be available for public inspection and copying. Any information that the commenter does not wish to be made available to the public should not be submitted to BIS.

Matthew S. Borman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

[FR Doc. 2023-03359 Filed 2-16-23; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-33-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

In the Matter of: Shuren Qin, Inmate Number: 01003-138, FCI Allenwood Low, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 1000, White Deer, PA 17887;

On September 8, 2021, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Shuren Qin (“Qin”), was convicted of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*) (“IEEPA”), 8 U.S.C. 1001 and 18 U.S.C. 554(a), among other violations. Specifically, Qin was convicted conspiring to unlawfully export items from the United States to Northwestern Polytechnical University, an entity on the Department of Commerce’s Entity List, without first obtaining the required export licenses; two counts of making false statements to law enforcement agents regarding his customers and the types of parts he caused to be exported from the United States to China; and two counts of smuggling hydrophones from the United States to the China.