

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by July 14, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Scientific Exchange Program.
OMB Control Number: 0551–New.

Summary of Collection: The primary purpose for this information collection is for the Scientific Exchanges Program implemented by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, Global Programs, Fellowship Programs. The program aims to educate a new generation of agricultural scientists from middle-income and emerging market countries, promote collaborative research, and extend knowledge to users and intermediaries in the international

agricultural marketplace. USDA also uses the program as a market development tool to assist in opening markets and decreasing or eliminating trade barriers, which ultimately increases and creates new opportunities for U.S. agricultural exports. Authority for these programs falls under: 7 U.S. Code § 3291—Agricultural fellowship program for middle income countries, emerging democracies, and emerging markets.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected by Fellowship Programs is used to implement the USDA FAS Scientific Exchanges Program. The information is collected through the Scientific Exchanges Program Application that candidates submit to FAS staff through a form application submitted by email. This information is collected to execute each Scientific Exchanges Program. Applicants are interviewed verbally as part of the application process. Based on this interview, the best qualified candidates are selected to participate in the Program.

The evaluation form is used by Scientific Exchanges Program staff to assess the success of each training program. Fellowship staff uses this form to assess whether programs goals were achieved and receive feedback from participants on how to improve future programming. This is a critical part of Fellowship Programs as it helps improve programs and ensure Fellowship Programs is meeting FAS goals.

Without the application and evaluation form, the Foreign Agricultural Service would not be able execute the Scientific Exchange Program and it would be severely impacted and the objected and goals would not be met.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 426.

Ruth Brown,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B–38–2023]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 163,
Notification of Proposed Production
Activity; Puerto Rico Steel Products
Corporation; (Construction and
Fencing Products); Coto Laurel, Puerto
Rico**

Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico within Subzone 163L. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on June 8, 2023.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material/component and specific finished product described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. The proposed finished product and material/component would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board's website.

The proposed finished product is galvanized chain link fence with PVC coating (duty rate is duty-free).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is galvanized wire with PVC coating (duty rate is duty-free). The request indicates that the material/component is subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 232 and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is July 24, 2023.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the “Online FTZ Information System” section of the Board's website.

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at juanita.chen@trade.gov.

Dated: June 8, 2023.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

**In the Matter of: Thomas Harris, Jr.,
Inmate Number: 77801–066, FCI
Pollock, Federal Correctional
Institution, P.O. Box 4050, Pollock, LA
71467; Order Denying Export
Privileges**

On March 1, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Thomas Harris, Jr. (“Harris”) was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. 554(a). Specifically, Harris was convicted of smuggling and attempting to smuggle 14 firearms from the United States to Saint Lucia. As a result of his conviction, the Court sentenced Harris to 46 months of confinement, three years of supervised release and a \$1,500 assessment.

Pursuant to section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act (“ECRA”),¹ the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 554, may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. 50 U.S.C. 4819(e). In addition, any Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) licenses or other authorizations issued under ECRA, in which the person had an interest at the time of the conviction, may be revoked. *Id.*

BIS received notice of Harris’s conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. 554. As provided in section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR” or the “Regulations”), BIS provided notice and opportunity for Harris to make a written submission to BIS. 15 CFR 766.25.² BIS has not received a written submission from Harris.

Based upon my review of the record and consultations with BIS’s Office of Exporter Services, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Harris’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Harris’s conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to

revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which Harris had an interest at the time of his conviction.³

Accordingly, it is hereby *Ordered*:

First, from the date of this Order until March 1, 2032, Thomas Harris, Jr., with a last known address of Inmate Number: 77801–066, FCI Pollock, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 4050, Pollock, LA 71467, and when acting for or on his behalf, his successors, assigns, employees, agents or representatives (“the Denied Person”), may not directly or indirectly participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as “item”) exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, license exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or engaging in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or from any other activity subject to the Regulations.

Second, no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to or on behalf of the Denied Person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the Denied Person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the Denied Person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the Denied Person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from the Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

Third, pursuant to section 1760(e) of ECRA and sections 766.23 and 766.25 of the Regulations, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Harris by ownership, control, position of responsibility, affiliation, or other connection in the conduct of trade or business may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order in order to prevent evasion of this Order.

Fourth, in accordance with part 756 of the Regulations, Harris may file an appeal of this Order with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The appeal must be filed within 45 days from the date of this Order and must comply with the provisions of part 756 of the Regulations.

Fifth, a copy of this Order shall be delivered to Harris and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Sixth, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until March 1, 2032.

John Sonderman,

Director, Office of Export Enforcement.

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¹ ECRA was enacted on August 13, 2018, as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and as amended is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801–4852.

² The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730–774 (2022).

³ The Director, Office of Export Enforcement, is the authorizing official for issuance of denial orders pursuant to amendments to the Regulations (85 FR 73411, November 18, 2020).