

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Rural Business Service****[Docket No. RBS-24-BUSINESS-0007]****Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection****AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBCS or Agency), announces its intention to request Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by August 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal, [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Additional information about Rural Development (RD) and its programs is available at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-9639. Email: [pamela.bennett@usda.gov](mailto:pamela.bennett@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for a revision of an existing collection.

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 will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 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 may be sent by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and, in the "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions" box, type in the Docket No. located at the beginning of this notice and click the "Search" button. From the search results, click on or locate the document title and select the "Comment" button. Before inputting comments, commenters may review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if available), input email address and select "Submit Comment." Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link. All comments will be available for public inspection online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Data furnished by the applicants will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, failure to provide data could result in program benefits being withheld or denied.

*Title:* Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

*OMB Number:* 0570-0063.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Advanced Biofuel Payment Program was authorized under section 9005 of title IX of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill). It authorizes the Agency to enter into contracts to make payments to eligible entities to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels. Entities eligible to receive payments under the Program are producers of advanced biofuels that meet all of the requirements of the Program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.294 hours per response.

*Respondents:* The respondents are the advanced biofuel producers and Agency

staff who process applications and quarterly payment requests.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 92 advanced biofuel producers.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 8.34.

*Estimate Number of Responses:* 767

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 993 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pamela Bennett, RD Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, at [pamela.bennett@usda.gov](mailto:pamela.bennett@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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*Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Foreign-Trade Zones Board****[B-30-2024]****Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 68, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; SNRA Commodities, Inc.; (Pecans); Fabens, Texas**

SNRA Commodities, Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Fabens, Texas, within FTZ 68. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 31, 2024.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/ component(s) and specific finished product(s) 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](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

The proposed finished products include shelled pecans and oil roasted pecans (duty rate ranges from 9.9 cents/kg to 17.6 cents/kg).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include shelled pecans and unshelled (in shell) pecans (duty rate ranges from 8.8 cents/kg to 17.6 cents/kg). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301),

depending on the country of origin. The applicable 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](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is July 17, 2024.

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](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov).

Dated: June 3, 2024.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**  
Executive Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Announcement of Approved International Trade Administration Trade Mission

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

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA), is announcing one upcoming trade mission that will be recruited, organized, and implemented by ITA. This mission is: Southeast Europe Energy-Transition and Energy Security Business Development Trade Mission to Bulgaria, Romania, and Serbia. A summary of the mission is found below. Application information and more detailed mission information, including the commercial setting and sector information, can be found at the trade mission website: <https://www.trade.gov/trade-missions>. For this mission, recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<https://www.trade.gov/trade-missions-schedule>) and other internet websites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Odum, Trade Events Task Force, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington,

DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-6397 or email [Jeffrey.Odum@trade.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Odum@trade.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*The Following Conditions for Participation Will Be Used for the Mission:*

Applicants must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on their products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation that is adequate to allow the Department of Commerce to evaluate their application. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may either: reject the application, request additional information/clarification, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the application. If the requisite minimum number of participants is not selected for a particular mission by the recruitment deadline, the mission may be canceled.

Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content by value. In the case of a trade association or organization, the applicant must certify that, for each firm or service provider to be represented by the association/organization, the products and/or services the represented firm or service provider seeks to export are either produced in the United States or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51% U.S. content by value.

A trade association/organization applicant must certify to the above for all of the companies it seeks to represent on the mission.

In addition, each applicant must:

- Certify that the products and services that it wishes to market through the mission would be in compliance with U.S. export controls and regulations;
- Certify that it has identified any matter pending before any bureau or office in the Department of Commerce;
- Certify that it has identified any pending litigation (including any administrative proceedings) to which it is a party that involves the Department of Commerce; and
- Sign and submit an agreement that it and its affiliates (1) have not and will not engage in the bribery of foreign officials in connection with a company's/participant's involvement in this mission, and (2) maintain and enforce a policy that prohibits the bribery of foreign officials.

In the case of a trade association/organization, the applicant must certify that each firm or service provider to be represented by the association/organization can make the above certifications.

#### The Following Selection Criteria Will Be Used for the Mission

Targeted mission participants are U.S. firms, services providers, and trade associations/organizations providing or promoting U.S. products and services that have an interest in entering or expanding their business in the mission's destination country. The following criteria will be evaluated in selecting participants:

- Suitability of the applicant's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm's or service provider's) products or services to these markets;
- The applicant's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm's or service provider's) potential for business in the markets, including the likelihood of exports resulting from the mission; and
- Consistency of the applicant's (or in the case of a trade association/organization, represented firm's or service provider's) goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission.

Balance of company size and location may also be considered during the review process. Referrals from a political party or partisan political group or any information, including on the application, containing references to political contributions or other partisan political activities will be excluded from the application and will not be considered during the selection process. The sender will be notified of these exclusions.

#### Definition of Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprise

For purposes of assessing participation fees, an applicant is a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) if it qualifies as a "small business" under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standards (<https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>), which vary by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code. The SBA Size Standards Tool (<https://www.sba.gov/size-standards>) can help you determine the qualifications that apply to your company.

*Mission List:* (additional information about trade missions can be found at <https://www.trade.gov/trade-missions>).

Southeast Europe Energy-Transition and Energy Security Business Development Trade Mission to Bulgaria,