

knowledge of dumping to U.S. importers.<sup>18</sup>

In assessing importers' knowledge of likely material injury, Commerce relies on a preliminary affirmative determination by the ITC to impute the requisite knowledge to U.S. importers.<sup>19</sup> Thus, Commerce finds that U.S. importers knew or should have known that imports of ferrosilicon from Russia were being sold at LTFV and were likely to cause injury, which is sufficient to satisfy the first requirement for an affirmative critical circumstances determination.

#### Massive Imports

In determining whether there have been "massive imports" over a "relatively short period," pursuant to sections 703(e)(1)(B) and 733(e)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206(h), Commerce normally compares the import volumes of the subject merchandise for at least three months immediately preceding the filing of the petition (*i.e.*, the "base period") to a comparable period of at least three months following the filing of the petition (*i.e.*, the "comparison period"). Imports normally will be considered massive when imports during the comparison period have increased by 15 percent or more compared to imports during the base period.<sup>20</sup> The regulations also provide, however, that if Commerce finds that importers, or exporters or producers, had reason to believe, at some time prior to the beginning of the proceeding, that a proceeding was likely, Commerce may consider a period of not less than three months from that earlier time.<sup>21</sup> In this case, Commerce compared the import volumes of subject merchandise, as provided by the petitioners,<sup>22</sup> for the three months immediately preceding and three months following the filing of the petition, ending with the month prior to the *AD Preliminary Determination* and the *CVD Preliminary Determination*.

Because the petitions were filed on March 28, 2024, to determine whether there was a massive surge in imports for the cooperating mandatory respondent, Commerce compared the total volume of shipments during the period January 2024 through March 2024 with the volume of shipments during the

following three-month period of April 2024 through June 2024. Based on this analysis, we preliminarily determine that there was a massive surge in imports from RFA and "all other" producers/exporters from Russia (for CVD) and for the Russia-wide entity (for AD).

#### Conclusion

For the CVD investigation, based on the criteria and findings discussed above, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of ferrosilicon from Russia produced or exported by RFA and all other producers/exporters. For the AD investigation, based on the criteria and findings discussed above, we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to all imports of ferrosilicon from Russia produced or exported by the Russia-wide entity.

#### Final Critical Circumstances Determinations

We will make final critical circumstances determinations concerning critical circumstances in the final AD and CVD determinations, which are currently due no later than September 11, 2024.

#### Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary critical circumstances determinations no later than five days after the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. Given that the final determinations for the AD and CVD investigations are due no later than September 11, 2024, Commerce will allow two days for parties to submit rebuttal comments.

We request that interested parties provide at the beginning of their briefs a public, executive summary for each issue raised in their briefs.<sup>23</sup> Further, we request that interested parties limit their executive summary of each issue to no more than 450 words, not including citations. We intend to use the executive summaries as the basis of the comment summaries included in the issues and decision memoranda that will accompany the final determinations in these investigations. We request that interested parties include footnotes for relevant citations in the executive summary of each issue. Note that Commerce has amended certain of its

requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).<sup>24</sup>

#### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, for all entries, we will direct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of any unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from Russia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 30, 2024, which is 90 days prior to the date of publication of the *AD Preliminary Determination* and *CVD Preliminary Determination* in the **Federal Register**. For such entries, CBP shall require a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average dumping margin established in the *AD Preliminary Determination* and *CVD Preliminary Determination*. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

#### U.S. International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with sections 703(f) and 733(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of these preliminary determinations of critical circumstances.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f), 733(f), and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.206.

Dated: August 22, 2024.

**Ryan Majerus,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Safety and Health Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

<sup>18</sup> See *AD Preliminary Determination*.

<sup>19</sup> See *Ferrosilicon from Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, and Russia; Determinations*, 89 FR 43435 (May 17, 2024).

<sup>20</sup> See 19 CFR 351.206(h)(2).

<sup>21</sup> See 19 CFR 351.206(i).

<sup>22</sup> See *AD Critical Circumstances Allegation* at 5–6; and *CVD Critical Circumstances Allegation* at 4–6.

<sup>23</sup> We use the term "issue" here to describe an argument that Commerce would normally address in a comment of the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

<sup>24</sup> See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069, 67077 (September 29, 2023).

1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 16, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* Safety and Health Information Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–0080.

*Form Number(s):* NIST–426, NIST–985, NIST–986.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 999.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 168.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is a unique federal campus which hosts daily a range of non-federal individuals. Non-federal individuals may include NIST Associates, volunteers, students, and visitors. In order to provide these individuals with proper health care and health documentation, NIST is pursuing renewal of approval of three health unit forms.

*Affected Public:* Some Associates, volunteers, and visitors to NIST.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](http://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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0080.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Customer Service-Related Data Collections**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 28, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* Generic Clearance for Customer Service-Related Data Collections.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–0031.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular Submission, extension of a current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 120,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* Less than 2 minutes for a response card, 2 hours for focus group participation. The average estimated response time for the completion of a collection instrument is expected to be less than 30 minutes per response.

*Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Needs and Uses:* NIST conducts surveys, focus groups, and other customer satisfaction/service data collections. The collected information is needed and will be used to determine the kind and the quality of products, services, and information our key customers want and expect, as well as their satisfaction with and awareness or existing products, services, and information.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](http://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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0031.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Public Meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on the Federal ocean exploration program, with a particular emphasis on the topics identified in the section on Matters to Be Considered.

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024 from 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** This will be a virtual meeting. Information about how to observe virtually will be posted to the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Turner, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, [David.Turner@NOAA.gov](mailto:David.Turner@NOAA.gov) or (859) 327–9661.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean