

Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

*Title:* Technology Letter of Explanation (formerly entitled Technical Data Letter of Explanation).

*Agency Form Number:* BXA-748P.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0694-0047.

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

*Burden:* 722 hours.

*Average Time Per Response:* 1 to 2 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 461 respondents.

*Needs and Uses:* The information contained in these letters will assure BXA that no unauthorized technical data will be exported for unauthorized end-uses or to unauthorized destinations and thus provide assurance that U.S. national security and foreign policy programs are followed. In addition, shipments to Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, need an Import Certificate issued by the appropriate national government.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Victoria Baecher-Wassmer (202) 395-5871.

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 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 29-98]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 23—Buffalo, NY; Application for Subzone Status, Buffalo China, Inc. (Dinnerware/Table Top Products) Buffalo, NY

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the County of Erie, New York, grantee of FTZ 23, requesting subzone status for the finishing and distribution (non-manufacturing) facilities of Buffalo China, Inc. (Buffalo China), located in Buffalo, New York. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on May 22, 1998.

Buffalo China's three facilities (on approximately 10 acres) are located at 500 Bailey Avenue, 658 Bailey Avenue, and 51 Hayes Place in Buffalo, New York. These facilities (400 employees) will be used to store, decorate and repackage dinnerware/table top products. The Buffalo facilities will be used to distribute products both in the U.S. and abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt Buffalo China from duty payments on foreign materials used in production for export. On domestic shipments, the company would be able to defer duty on foreign-sourced materials (duty rates ranging from 0.8 to 31.0%). The company is also seeking an exemption from duty payments on foreign merchandise that becomes scrap (3%). The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the facilities' international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 10, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 24, 1998).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room  
3716, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20230.

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 111 West Huron St., Room 1304, Buffalo, New York 14202.

Dated: May 22, 1998.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity to request administrative review of antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

#### Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspension of investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, may request, in accordance with § 351.213 of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations (19 CFR 351.213 (1997)), that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

#### Opportunity To Request a Review

Not later than the last day of June 1998, interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in JUNE for the following periods:

	Period
<b>Antidumping duty proceedings</b>	
Belgium: Sugar, A-423-077 .....	6/1/97-7/31/98

	Period
Canada:	
Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-122-506 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Red Raspberries, A-122-401 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
France:	
Large Power Transformers, A-427-030 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Sugar, A-427-078 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Germany:	
Industrial Belts, Except Synchronous & V belts, A-428-802 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Precipitated Barium Carbonate, A-428-061 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Sugar A-428-082 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Hungary: Tapered Roller Bearings, A-437-601 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Italy:	
Large Power Transformers, A-475-031 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Synchronous and V-Belts, A-475-802 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Japan:	
Engineered Process Gas Turbo-Compressor Systems, A-588-840 .....	12/10/96-5/31/98
Fishnetting of Man-Made Fibers, A-588-029 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Forklift Trucks, A-588-703 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel, A-588-831 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Industrial Belts, A-588-807 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Large Power Transformers, A-588-032 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Nitrile Rubber, A-588-706 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
New Zealand: Kiwifruit, A-614-801 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Republic of Korea: PET Film, A-580-807 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Romania: Tapered Roller Bearings, A-485-602 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Russia: Ferrosilicon, A-821-804 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Singapore: V-Belts, A-559-803 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
South Africa: Furfuryl Alcohol, A-791-802 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Sweden: Stainless Steel Plate, A-401-040 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Taiwan:	
Carbon Steel Plate, A-583-080 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Oil Country Tubular Goods, A-583-505 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-583-816 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Certain Helical Spring Lock Washers, A-583-820 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
The Netherlands: Aramid Fiber, A-421-805 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
The People's Republic of China:	
Furfuryl Alcohol, A-570-835 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Silicon Metal, A-570-806 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Sparklers, A-570-804 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Tapered Roller Bearings, A-570-601 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
Venezuela: Ferrosilicon, A-307-807 .....	6/1/97-5/31/98
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
Italy: Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel, C-475-812 .....	1/1/97-12/31/97

### Suspension Agreements

None.

In accordance with § 351.213 of the regulations, an interested party as defined by section 771(9) of the Act may request in writing that the Secretary conduct an administrative review. In recent revisions to its regulations, the Department has changed its requirements for requesting reviews for countervailing duty orders. Pursuant to 771(9) of the Act, an interested party must specify the individual producers or exporters covered by the order or suspension agreement for which they are requesting a review (Department of Commerce Regulations, 62 FR 27295, 27424 (May 19, 1997)). Therefore, for both antidumping and countervailing duty reviews, the interested party must specify for which individual producers or exporters covered by an antidumping finding or an antidumping or countervailing duty order it is

requesting a review, and the requesting party must state why it desires the Secretary to review those particular producers or exporters. If the interested party intends for the Secretary to review sales of merchandise by an exporter (or a producer if that producer also exports merchandise from other suppliers) which were produced in more than one country of origin and each country of origin is subject to a separate order, then the interested party must state specifically, on an order-by-order basis, which exporter(s) the request is intended to cover.

Seven copies of the request should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. The Department also asks parties to serve a copy of their requests to the Office of Antidumping/

Countervailing Enforcement, Attention: Sheila Forbes, in room 3065 of the main Commerce Building. Further, in accordance with § 351.303(f)(1)(i) of the regulations, a copy of each request must be served on every party on the Department's service list.

The Department will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Initiation of Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation" for requests received by the last day of June 1998. If the Department does not receive, by the last day of June 1998, a request for review of entries covered by an order, finding, or suspended investigation listed in this notice and for the period identified above, the Department will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping or countervailing duties on those entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of (or bond for) estimated antidumping or

countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: June 3, 1998.

**Louis Apple,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-427-098]

#### Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate from France; Notice of Recission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of recission of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** On February 27, 1998, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 10002) a notice announcing the initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate from France. This review covered the period from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. The Department of Commerce has now rescinded this review as a result of the absence of shipments and entries into the United States of subject merchandise during the period of review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 10, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Ross or Richard Rimlinger, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 1998 (63 FR 1820) a "Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate (ASM) from France (46 FR 1667, January 7, 1981). On January 22, 1998, the PQ Corporation,

the petitioner, requested an administrative review of Rhone-Poulenc, a manufacturer/exporter of ASM. The Department initiated the review on February 27, 1998 (63 FR 10002). On March 16, 1998, Rhodia Chimie, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rhone-Poulenc that is responsible for Rhone-Poulenc's specialty chemical, fiber, and polymer businesses, submitted a letter explaining that the company did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review (POR). On April 3, 1998, the Department sent a no-shipment inquiry regarding Rhone-Poulenc to the Customs Service. The purpose of this inquiry was to determine whether the Customs Service suspended liquidation of entry summaries of this merchandise during the POR. The Customs Service did not identify any suspended entry summaries of ASM manufactured and/or exported by Rhone-Poulenc during the POR. Therefore, we have determined that there were no entries of subject merchandise into the customs territory of the United States during the POR and we are rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3). The cash-deposit rate for Rhone-Poulenc will remain at 60 percent, the rate established in the most recently completed segment of this proceeding (61 FR 44038, August 27, 1996). This notice is being published in accordance with section 777(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-808]

#### Chrome-Plated Lug Nuts From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of chrome-plated lug nuts from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on chrome-

plated lug nuts (lug nuts) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in response to a request by petitioner, Consolidated International Automotive, Inc. (Consolidated). This review covers shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period of September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between export price and NV.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 10, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Scheier or Maureen Flannery, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the regulations as codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (62 FR 27379, May 19, 1997).

##### Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on lug nuts from the PRC on April 24, 1992 (57 FR 15052). On August 29, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 45794) a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping order on lug nuts from the PRC covering the period September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997.

On September 29, 1997, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), Consolidated requested that we conduct an administrative review of the following PRC firms:

China National Automotive Industry I/E Corp.

China National Machinery & Equipment I/E Corp., Jiangsu Branch