

Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). News media should contact Peg O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

The USTR has requested that the Commission provide a report containing an informational and analytical resource base to assist the Administration in the upcoming WTO negotiations on agriculture trade to begin in late 1999. As requested by USTR, in preparing its report, the Commission will examine the following sectors (including both the basic commodity and its processed products, as appropriate): grains; oilseeds (including peanuts); dairy; animals and animal products, other than dairy; sugar and other sweeteners; wine; cotton; fruits and vegetables (and tree nuts); and other products as covered in the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. The examination will include:

- (1) Recent trends in trade, production, and other relevant economic variables in these sectors;
- (2) Barriers and/or distortions in major countries and product markets affecting this trade; and
- (3) Methodologies for assessment of the effects of changes in various trade rules in each of these sectors upon the trade and economic interests of the United States.

The report will also include summaries of the information developed, both with respect to sector trends and trade barriers.

As requested, the Commission plans to transmit its report to USTR by July 20, 1999. USTR has indicated portions of the report will be classified as "confidential" and will also be regarded as an inter-agency memorandum that will contain predecisional advice and be subject to the deliberative process privilege.

Preliminary Written Comments

- (1) In order to assist the Commission in identifying the barriers and/or distortions referred to above, the Commission requests that interested parties provide preliminary written comments on such barriers and/or distortions by November 30, 1998.
- (2) All preliminary written comments should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.
- (3) Interested

parties are also encouraged to provide further information at the public hearing and in prehearing and posthearing briefs/statements.

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 16, 1999. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., March 2, 1999. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 4, 1999; the deadline for filing posthearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., March 31, 1999. In the event that, as of the close of business on March 2, 1999, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after March 2, 1999 to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of, or in addition to, participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by interested parties. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m. on March 31, 1999. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

List of Subjects

WTO, agricultural trade, production, barriers, distortions, grains, oilseeds, dairy, animals and animal products, sugar and other sweeteners, wine, cotton, fruits and vegetables, Agreement on Agriculture, and methodologies.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval; National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies.

The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by August 17, 1998. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 13, 1998. During the 60-day regular review all comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to the COPS Office, Program/Policy Support and Evaluation Division,

COPS Office, U.S. Department of Justice, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Comments also may be submitted to the COPS Office via facsimile to 202-633-1386. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) evaluate 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;

(3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: COPS 28/01. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* A sample of local law enforcement agency heads and precinct/district commanders that have received grant funding from the COPS Office will be surveyed regarding the nature and extent of community policing implementation in their agencies and precincts/districts.

to uphold its mandate, the COPS Office has awarded hiring and redeployment grants, innovative grants, and training grants to over 10,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide. While the COPS Office has made significant strides in funding officers it is important to consider the 1994 Crime Bill and the emergence of COPS in a long-term perspective. The proposed survey aims to answer questions regarding the nature and extent of community policing implementation across the United States.

COPS data and prior national surveys of community policing implementation

are limited in their capacity to describe how extensive community policing implementation is. In addition, existing data sets do not permit exploration of the likelihood that implementation of community policing varies within jurisdictions particularly large ones that are decentralized to precinct or district levels. The National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies will be able to capture variations within a jurisdiction.

Surveys will incorporate elements that the COPS Office has identified as key components of community policing and will draw upon prior surveys, other literature, and prior knowledge to develop a comprehensive listing of community policing elements. Questions will provide more precise information about the extent to which each element is implemented.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* This collection is being conducted in two phases as a pilot survey and a larger follow-up survey. Two sections, Section A and Section B will be utilized; a total of approximately 6700 respondents will be surveyed. Estimated time to complete Section A is 20 minutes with no preparation time; estimated time to complete Section B is 1.5 hours including preparation time.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Approximately 6141.6 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

International Competition Policy Advisory Committee (ICPAC); Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The International competition Policy Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") will hold its second meeting on September 11, 1998. The Advisory Committee was established by the Department of Justice

to provide advice regarding issues relating to international competition policy; specifically, how best to cooperate with foreign authorities to eliminate international anticompetitive cartel agreements, how best to coordinate United States' and foreign antitrust enforcement efforts in the review of multinational mergers, and how best to address issues that interface international trade and competition policy concerns. The meeting will be held at The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Root Conference Room, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 and will begin at 10:00 a.m. EST and end at approximately 4:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Enforcement Cooperation.
2. International Merger Review.
3. Trade and Competition Policy Interface Issues.

4. Work Program: Next Steps.

Attendance is open to the interested public, limited by the availability of space. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should notify the contact person listed below as soon as possible. Members of the public may submit written statements by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile at any time before or after the meeting to the contact person listed below for consideration by the Advisory Committee. All written submissions will be included in the public record of the Advisory Committee. Oral statements from the public will not be solicited or accepted at this meeting. For further information contact: Merit Janow, c/o Eric J. Weiner, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 601 D Street, N.W., Room 10024, Washington, D.C. 20530, Telephone: (202) 616-2578, Facsimile: (202) 514-4508, Electronic mail: icpac@usdoj.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Immigration and Naturalization Service User Fee Advisory Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.