

demographic questions are asked of household members in the first interview and are updated during subsequent interviews. The demographic items provide the basic demographic descriptions for the survey population.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182 and Title 29 USC, Sections 1-9.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

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 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Firearms Convention, Proposed Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, BXA ICB Liaison, Department of Commerce, Room 6881, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The OAS Model Regulations and the Firearms Convention require the government of importing States to issue an Import Certificate to the importer of firearms and the government of exporting States to issue licenses for the firearms.

This rule imposes two information collection requirements. The first requirement is the import certificate as support documentation for exports destined to Convention Signatories. The second requirement is the imposition of a licensing requirement for Firearms Convention items destined to Canada, a Convention Signatory. Previously, such items were exported to Canada without a license.

II. Method of Collection

Written notification and recordkeeping.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0114.

Form Number: BXA-748P.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 833.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 to 90 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 176 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 24-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 76—Bridgeport, CT; Application for Subzone Davidoff of Geneva (CT), Inc. (Cigars, Tobacco Products and Accessories) Stamford, CT

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, grantee of FTZ 76, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the cigar, tobacco products and accessories distribution facility of Davidoff of Geneva (CT), Inc. (Davidoff), located in Stamford, Connecticut. 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 12, 1999.

The Davidoff facility (80,000 sq. ft. on 10 acres), is located at 650 West Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. The facility (20 employees) is used for storage, inspection, packaging and distribution of cigars, tobacco and a variety of related accessories and gift items (e.g., humidors, wallets, sports bags made of leather and other materials, kitchenware, handkerchiefs, neckties, cutlery, stationery and other paper products, magnets, ball point pens, pocket lighters, and smoking pipes). A substantial portion of the proposed FTZ activity would involve inserting the cigars into aluminum tubes (HTSUS 7616.99.5090) and into paperboard (4819.20.0040) and wooden (4420.90.2000) boxes, and then adding labeling (4821.90.2000). The cigars, most of the packaging materials, labels, and gift items will be sourced from abroad.

FTZ procedures would exempt Davidoff from Customs duty payments on products that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company is seeking to apply the duty-free rate applicable to

cigars (CBI-duty free) to the foreign-sourced aluminum tubes and packaging materials (duty rate: free-4.1%). The company would also be able to defer duty payments on other foreign items noted above until the merchandise is transferred from the proposed subzone for Customs entry. In addition, FTZ status would make the facility eligible for certain local tax exemptions provided under state/local programs. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's 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 July 23, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 9, 1999).

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

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Suite 903, 213 Court Street, Middletown, CT 06457-3346

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

Dated: May 14, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 22-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 21—Charleston, SC, Request for Removal of Board Order Restriction Hubner Manufacturing Corporation (Industrial Bellows/Molded Parts)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA), grantee of FTZ 21, requesting authority, on behalf of Hubner Manufacturing Corporation (HMC), to extend its authority to

manufacture industrial bellows and plastic/rubber molded parts under FTZ procedures, subject to restriction. It was formally filed on May 12, 1999.

Board Order 828 (61 FR 33094, 6-26-96) was granted authority for the manufacture of textile/rubber industrial bellows and plastic/rubber molded parts under FTZ procedures, subject to restrictions (1) requiring that privileged foreign status shall be elected on all foreign-origin merchandise admitted to FTZ 21 for the HMC operation; and, (2) limiting initial approval to a period of three years from the date of activation of FTZ procedures (ending August 7, 1999) at the HMC plant, subject to extension. SCSPA is now requesting that the manufacturing authority for HMC be extended on a permanent basis by removing Restriction No. 2. Foreign-sourced components used in HMC's manufacturing include: rubberized fabric, trimming bands, articulation/electronic/hydraulic parts, aluminum profiles, treat plate and kinematic systems, plastic resins, and rubber compounds (about 40% of finished product value).

FTZ procedures exempt HMC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, the company is able to defer duty payments on the foreign components noted above until the finished bellows and molded parts are processed for Customs entry. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures will continue to help improve the facility's international competitiveness. In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 23, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 9, 1999).

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

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 23-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 149—Freeport, TX, Application for Subzone, Equistar Chemicals, LP (Oil Refinery), Brazoria County, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Brazos River Harbor Navigation District, grantee of FTZ 149, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the petrochemical complex of Equistar Chemicals, LP (Equistar), located in Brazoria County, Texas. Equistar is a limited partnership jointly owned by Lyondell Petrochemicals, Millenium Chemicals, and Occidental Petroleum. 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 11, 1999.

The petrochemical complex and connecting pipelines (366 acres) are located at two sites in Brazoria County, Texas: *Site 1* (366 acres)—Chocolate Bayou—main petrochemical complex, located at F.M. 2917, some 60 miles southwest of Houston; *Site 2* (6 leased tanks, 1.6 million barrel capacity)—located at the Intercontinental Terminal Corporation storage facility in Deer Park. The complex (250 employees) produces a variety of petrochemical feedstocks and fuel products, including ethylene (1.1 billion lb. capacity), propylene (730 million lb. capacity), benzene (500 million lb. capacity), butadiene (140 million lb. capacity), toluene (160 million lb. capacity), pyrolysis gas (340 million lb. capacity), propane, butylenes, resin oils, dicyclopentadiene, isoprene, and fuel oils. The complex also produces MTBE and hydrogen, but they will not be produced under zone procedures. Some 55 percent of the inputs, including gas oil, naphtha, condensate, and natural gasoline, are sourced abroad.

Zone procedures would exempt the refinery from Customs duty payments on the foreign products used in its exports. On domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the Customs duty rates that apply to certain petrochemical feedstocks by admitting