

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Bureau of Export Administration

Chemical Weapons Convention,  
Amendment to the Export  
Administration Regulations (End-Use  
Certificates and Advanced  
Notifications and Annual Reports)

**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 August 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the 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, Bureau of Export Administration Liaison, Room 6881, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Abstract

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC was signed by the United States in Paris on January 13, 1993, and was submitted by President Clinton to the United States Senate on November 23, 1993, for its advice and consent to ratification. The CWC prohibits, *inter alia*, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons.

## Schedule 1 Notification and Report

Under part VI of the CWC Verification Annex, the United States is required to notify the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the international organization created to implement the CWC, at least 30 days before any transfer (export/

import) of Schedule 1 chemicals to another State Party. The United States is also required to submit annual reports to the OPCW on all transfers of Schedule 1 Chemicals.

## End-Use Certificates

Under parts VII and VIII of the CWC Verification Annex, the United States is required to obtain End-Use Certificates for transfers of Schedule 2 and 3 chemicals to Non-States Parties to ensure the transferred chemicals are only used for the purposes not prohibited under the Convention.

## II. Method of Collection

Written Reports.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0117.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Renewal of collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 134.

Estimated Time Per Response: 60 to 90 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 178 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: June 7, 1999.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 28-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 219—Yuma, AZ,  
Application for Subzone, Gowan  
Company, Yuma, AZ

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc., grantee of FTZ 219, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the manufacturing and warehousing facilities of Gowan Company (Gowan), located in Yuma, Arizona. 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 27, 1999.

The Gowan Company has two sites with 450 employees in Yuma County, Arizona. The manufacturing facility (45.25 acres) is located at 12300 E. County 8th Street in Yuma, Arizona. The warehouse facility (26.96 acres) is located at 10760 South Avenue 7E in Yuma, Arizona. The Gowan plant is used for the manufacturing, processing and packaging of agrichemicals for crop protection in commercial agriculture, including insecticides, fungicides and insect growth regulators (primarily HTS 3808, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 6.5%). Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing about 80% of all parts consumed in manufacturing) include: esters of inorganic acids and organo-sulfur compounds (HTS 2920, 2930, 2940, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 10.7%). Some 25 percent of the plant's shipments are exported. FTZ procedures would exempt Gowan from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, Gowan would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished agrichemicals (duty free to 6.5%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's 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 on the application 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 13, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to August 30, 1999).

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

U.S. Customs Port of Entry—San Luis, Highway 95 and International Border, San Luis, Arizona 85364

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

Dated: May 28, 1999.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Surveys, Focus Groups, and Other Customer Service Data Collections

**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 August 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the 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 Phyllis Boyd, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 3220, Gaithersburg, MD, 20899-3220, (301) 975-4062.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

In accordance with Executive Order 12862, the National Institute of

Standards and Technology (NIST), a non-regulatory agency of the Department of Commerce, proposes to conduct a number of surveys—both quantitative and qualitative—designed 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 of existing products, services, and information. In addition, NIST proposes other customer service satisfaction data collection that include, but may not be limited to focus groups, reply cards that accompany product distributions, and web-based surveys and dialogue boxes that offer customers the opportunity to express their level of satisfaction with NIST products, services, and information and for ongoing dialogue with NIST. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions and will not collect information that is required or regulated. Steps will be taken to assure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered under this request. NIST is requesting generic approval for fiscal years FY2000, FY2001, and FY2002.

##### II. Method of Collection

NIST will collect this information by electronic means, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, and person-to-person.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* N/A.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* NIST customers, which may include businesses, academic institutions, associations, researchers, and other individuals, organizations, or institutions that deal with or wish to express an opinion about NIST products, services, or information.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Annually, approximately 12,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Varied, dependent upon the data collection. The response time may vary from less than two minutes for a response card to up to two hours for focus group participation. The average response time is expected to be less than 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* FY 2000—3,200 hours, FY 2001—3,067, FY 2002—2,800 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The cost to the respondent for FY 2000 is estimated to be \$64,736, for FY 2001 is estimated to be \$62,045, and for FY 2002 is estimated to be \$56,644, based on a median hourly salary \$20.23. (Occupational Employment Statistics—Bureau of Labor Statistics 1997 National Occupational Employment and Wage

Data Professional, Paraprofessional, and Technical Occupations, \$20.23 represents the median hourly wage when averaging the full-time wage and salary earnings for OES 24199—All Other Physical Scientists—median hourly wage: \$22.85—<http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes24199.htm> and OES 21999 All Other Management Support Workers—median hourly wage: \$17.61—<http://stats.bls.gov/oes/national/oes21999.htm>, two categories of individuals most likely to respond to information requests). No capital expenditures are required.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

##### 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: June 7, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0214]

### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Special Contracting Methods

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and