

a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR part 870—Abandoned mine reclamation fund—fee collection and coal production reporting.

OMB Control Number: 1029-00090.

Summary: Section 402 of SMCRA requires fees to be paid to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund by coal operators on the basis of coal tonnage produced. This information collection request is needed to support verification of the moisture deduction allowance. The information will be used by OSM during audits to verify that the amount of excess moisture taken by the operator is appropriate.

Frequency of Collection: Quarterly.

Description of Respondents: Coal mine operators.

Total Annual Responses: 1,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

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Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 1999.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. International Trade Commission intends to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget for extension of a currently approved collection (OMB No.: 3117-0188) for the purpose of obtaining feedback from readers of Commission reports to help meet

regular program assessment requirements. Under Public Law 103-62, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the U.S. International Trade Commission is seeking a long-term, continuing means for conducting program evaluations by using the proposed one-page collection, ITC Reader Satisfaction Survey, to help determine the extent to which USITC reports effectively meet the needs of customers. Comments concerning the proposed information collection are requested in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received at the Commission within 60 days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Signed comments should be submitted to Donna Koehnke, Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The proposed information collection, for which the Commission intends to request approval from OMB for extension, is published with this notice. Copies of the draft Supporting Statement to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget will be posted on the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov> or may be obtained from Larry Brookhart, Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 (telephone no. 202-205-3418). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal, (telephone no. 202-205-1810).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

Comments are solicited as to: (1) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimization of the burden of the proposed information collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Summary of the Proposed Information Collection

Public Law 103-62, the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, enacted on August 3, 1993, sets forth objectives for Federal agencies to, among other things, initiate measures to improve information on program performance, and specifically, to focus on evaluating results, quality, and customer satisfaction. The one-page survey asks for voluntary input from respondents by circling responses that indicate an assessment of reader satisfaction regarding the value and quality of Commission reports. The "tear-out" survey is being placed inside the cover of certain reports issued by the Commission (excluding Title VII reports for which a separate survey is being designed), including all public studies requested by the Congress and the United States Trade Representative, or reports conducted by the USITC on its own motion, pursuant to section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), and other public reports that meet agency program requirements for a research program set forth in its Strategic Plan (available on the agency's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov>). Following are highlights of the proposed information collection:

(1) Number of forms to be submitted: One single-page form

(2) Title of form: USITC Reader Satisfaction Survey

(3) Type of request: Proposed extension of a currently approved collection

(4) Frequency of use: Annual or on occasion information gathering

(5) Description of Respondents: Interested parties receiving most all public reports issued by the USITC, with the exception of Title VII reports

(6) Estimated number of respondents: 2,500 annually

(7) Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms: 625 hours annually

(8) Response burden: Less than 15 minutes for each individual respondent

(9) Information requested on a voluntary basis is not proprietary in nature, but rather for program evaluation purposes and is not intended to be published. Commission treatment of questionnaire responses will be followed; responses will be aggregated and will not be presented in a manner that will reveal the individual parties that supplied the information.

Although the survey will be made available on the Commission's web site, responses must be in paper form.

Issued: July 27, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

ITC READER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Title of Report

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is interested in your voluntary comments (burden <15 minutes) to help us assess the value and quality of our reports, and to assist us in improving future products. Please return survey by fax (202-205-3161) or by mail to the ITC.

Your name and title (please print; responses below not for attribution):

Please specify information in this report most useful to you/your organization: _____

Was any information missing that you consider important? Yes (specify below) No

If yes, please identify missing information and why it would be important or helpful to you: _____

Please assess the value of this ITC report (answer below by circling all that apply): SA—Strongly Agree; A—Agree; N—No Opinion/Not Applicable; D—Disagree; SD—Strongly Disagree

Report presents new facts, information, and/or data.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Staff analysis adds value to facts, information, and/or data.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Analysis is unique or ground breaking.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Statistical data are useful to me/my organization.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Subject matter and analysis are timely.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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ITC is the only or the preferred source of this information.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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If not, please identify from what other source the information is available _____

Please evaluate the quality of this report (answer below by circling all that apply): SA—Strongly Agree; A—Agree; N—No Opinion/Not Applicable; D—Disagree; SD—Strongly Disagree

Written in clear and understandable manner.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Report findings or executive summary address key issues.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Figures, charts, graphs are helpful to understanding issue.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Analysis throughout report answers key questions.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Report references variety of primary and secondary sources.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Sources are fully documented in text or footnotes.	SA	A	N	D	SD
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Please provide further comment on any of the above performance measures, as appropriate:

Suggestions for improving this report and/or future reports: _____

Other topics/issues of interest or concern: _____

Please provide your Internet address and update your mailing address below, if applicable: _____

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Preliminary)]

Certain Ammonium Nitrate From Russia

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-856 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Russia of certain

ammonium nitrate, provided for in subheading 3102.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by September 7, 1999. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by September 13, 1999.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Reavis (202-205-3185), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. 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>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on July 23, 1999, by the Committee for Fair Ammonium Nitrate Trade, ("COFANT"), an ad hoc committee whose members include a number of U.S. producers of the subject product. These U.S. producers are Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA; Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, MS; El Dorado Chemical Co., Oklahoma City, OK; Nitram, Inc., Tampa, FL; La Roche Industries, Inc., Atlanta, GA; and Wilgro Fertilizer, Inc., Celina, TX.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in §§ 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under