

and has requested public review and comment on the submission. OPIC published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information collection request on April 22, 1998, in 63 FR 19946, at which time a 60-calendar day comment period was announced. This comment period ended June 22, 1998. No comments were received in response to this notice. This information collection submission has now been submitted to OMB for review. Comments are again being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527; 202/336-8563.

OMB Reviewer: David Rostker, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503, 202/395-3897.

Summary of Form Under Review

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved form.

Title: Small Business Application for Political Risk Investment Insurance.

Form Number: OPIC-223.

Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Small business or other institutions qualifying as small business under OPIC's definition (except farms); individuals qualifying as small business under OPIC's definition.

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: Small U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 4 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 50 per year.

Federal Cost: \$750 per year.

Authority for Information collection: Sections 231 and 234(a), 239(d), and 204A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The small business application is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the small business investor's and project's eligibility, assess the environmental impact and developmental effects of the project, measure the economic effects for the United States and the host country economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: May 24, 2000.

Laura Naide,

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-286 (Review) and 731-TA-365 (Review)]

Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel and Belgium

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year reviews, the United States International Trade Commission determines,² pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the countervailing duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Israel and the antidumping duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Belgium would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted these reviews on March 1, 1999 (64 FR 10017) and determined on June 3, 1999, that it would conduct full reviews (64 FR 31610, June 11, 1999). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's reviews and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 1999 (64 FR 38474).³ The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on March 30, 2000, and all persons who requested the

opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in these reviews to the Secretary of Commerce on May 22, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3302 (May 2000), entitled Industrial Phosphoric Acid from Israel and Belgium: Investigations Nos. 701-TA-286 (Review) and 731-TA-365 (Review).

Issued: May 24, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Possible Modifications to the International Harmonized System Nomenclature

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Request for Proposals To Amend the International Harmonized System.

SUMMARY: The Commission is soliciting proposals from interested parties and agencies to amend the international Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), including the rules of interpretation, section and chapter notes, and the texts of the headings and subheadings, with a view to keeping the Harmonized System current with changes in patterns of technology and trade. Specific proposals in this connection will be reviewed by the Commission staff for potential submission to the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization (WCO), in Brussels, Belgium.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements (O/TA&TA) (202/205-2595, E-Mail rosengarden@usitc.gov) or Ronald Heller (202/205-2596, E-Mail rheller@usitc.gov). The O/TA&TA fax number is 202/205-2616.

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Chairman Lynn M. Bragg not participating.

³ The Commission subsequently revised its schedule, publishing notice in the **Federal Register** on January 7, 2000 (65 FR 1173).

Background

Soon after the implementation of the Harmonized System (HS) in 1988, the Harmonized System (HS) Review Subcommittee (RSC) of the WCO began a series of reviews of the entire HS. The third review cycle begins this year, with an expected implementation date for changes of January 2007.

The HS was established by an international Convention, which, *inter alia*, provides that the Harmonized System should be kept up-to-date in light of changes in technology and patterns of international trade. The international HS nomenclature, which is administered by the WCO, provides a uniform structural basis for the customs tariff and statistical nomenclatures of all major trading countries of the world, including the United States. The Commission, the U.S. Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census are responsible for the development of U.S. technical proposals concerning the HS under section 1210 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the 1988 Act) (19 U.S.C. 3010). A 1988 notice issued by the United States Trade Representative (53 FR 45646, Nov. 10, 1988), establishes the Commission as the lead U.S. agency in considering proposals for HS amendments that are intended to ensure that it reflects such changes in technology and trade.

A copy of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTSA), which incorporates the international Harmonized System in its overall structure, can be downloaded in compressed form (self-extracting files) at the USITC's World Wide Web (WWW) site on the following page (URL): <http://www.usitc.gov/taffairs.htm>. Hard copies and electronic copies of the HTSA can be found at many of the 1,400 federal Depository Libraries located throughout the United States and its territories; further information about these locations can be found on the WWW at the following location (URL): http://ww1.access.gpo.gov/GPOAccess/sitesearch/su_docs_fdlp/adpos003.html, or by contacting GPO Access at the Government Printing Office, 1-888-293-6498. Note that the international HS comprises the broadest levels of categories in the HTSA, that is, the General Rules for the Interpretation of the Nomenclature, Section and Chapter titles, Section and Chapter legal notes, and heading and subheading texts to the 6-digit level of detail. U.S. Legal Notes, further subdivisions (8- and 10-digit subheadings) and statistical notes, as well as the entire chapters 98 and 99, are national legal and statistical detail added for the administration of the tariff

and statistical programs and are not within the scope of the international HS review process.

Request for Proposals: In accordance with the above mentioned USTR notice, the Commission is seeking proposals for specific modifications to the HS (including the rules of interpretation, section and chapter notes, and the texts of the headings and subheadings) that will further the above goals. No proposals for changes to the national-level provisions (which include U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review. Interested parties, associations and government agencies should submit specific language for proposed amendments to the HS together with appropriate descriptive comments and, to the extent available, trade data.

As part of this review, the Commission particularly invites proposals concerning the following matters:

- The deletion of HS headings or subheadings with low trade volume.
- The separate identification in the HS of new products important in international trade.
- The simplification of the HS, *e.g.*, by the elimination of classification provisions which are difficult to administer.
- Modifications to the HS Explanatory Notes, a WCO publication which clarifies the scope of HS provisions.

As mentioned above, *no proposals for changes to national-level provisions (including Additional U.S. Notes, U.S. 8-digit subheadings, statistical annotations and rates of duty) will be considered by the Commission as a part of this review.* The changes in the international HS that will result from this review cycle will not necessarily affect tariff rates for products imported into the United States; as with the first two HS review cycles, the USITC plans eventually to develop a set of proposed HTS changes that will align the HTS with the international HS changes, pursuant to sec. 1205 of the 1988 Act.

Deadline: Suggestions must be received no later than the close of business June 30, 2000, in order to be considered by the Commission. Requests for extensions of time should be made in writing to the Secretary at the address indicated below.

Written Submissions: All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E St. SW, Room 112-A, Washington, DC 20436. Commercial or financial information that a party

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 for inspection by interested persons.

TDD Access: Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

World Wide Web Access: This notice, and any subsequent notices published pursuant to section 1210 of the 1988 Act, may be obtained from the ITC Internet web server: <http://www.usitc.gov/>.

By order of the Commission.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated February 25, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2000, (65 FR 44) Chattem Chemicals, Inc., 3708 St. Elmo Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 34709, made application by letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of amphetamine (1100), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to bulk manufacture amphetamine for distribution to its customers.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Chattem Chemicals, Inc. to manufacture amphetamine is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Chattem Chemicals, Inc. to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the