

Act of 1930 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling within the United States after importation certain safety eyewear and components thereof by reason of (a) infringement of claims 1–5, 8–14, and 16–18 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,457,505 (the '505 patent); (b) the claim of U.S. Letters Patent Des. 322,616; and (c) misappropriation of trade dress, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States.

On July 27, 2000, complainants moved for summary determination on the economic prong of the domestic industry requirements of section 337 as to the '505 patent. On August 4, 2000, complainants moved to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to reflect the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's issuance of U.S. Letters Patent Re. 36,762 as a reissue of the '505 patent. Both respondent Crews and the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") responded to the motion of summary determination motion on August 7, 2000. The IA filed a response to the motion to amend on August 14, 2000, and Crews filed its response to the motion to amend on August 16, 2000.

On May 18, 2000, the presiding ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 21) granting complainants' motions. No party petitioned for review of the ID.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in section 210.42 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42). Copies of the ALJ's ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202–205–2000.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–345]

Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade in 2000

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 8, 2000.

ACTION: Opportunity to submit written statements in connection with the 2000 report.

SUMMARY: The Commission has prepared and published annual reports on U.S. trade shifts in selected industries/commodity areas under investigation No. 332–345 since 1993. The Commission plans to publish the 2000 report in August 2001, which will cover shifts in U.S. trade in 2000 compared with trade in 1999.

The report structure and content is anticipated to be similar to the 1999 report issued in September 2000. Comments and suggestions regarding the August 2001 report are welcome in written submissions as specified below. The latest version of the report covering 1999 data (USITC Publication 3353, September 2000) may be obtained from the USITC's Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). A printed report may be requested by contacting the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000 or by fax at 202–205–2104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the trade shifts report may be directed to the project leader, Mr. Karl Tsuji, Office of Industries (202–205–3434) or the assistant project leader, Ms. Linda White, Office of Industries (202–205–3427). For information on the legal aspects, please contact Mr. William Gearhart, Office of General Counsel (202–205–3091). The media should contact Ms. Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (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 initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the **Federal Register** of September 8, 1993 (58 F.R. 47287). The Commission expanded the scope of this investigation to cover services trade in a separate report, which it announced in a notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 28, 1994 (59 F.R. 66974). The merchandise trade report has been published in the current series under investigation No. 332–345 annually since September 1993. As in past years, each report will summarize and provide analyses of the major trade developments that occurred in the preceding year. The reports will also provide summary trade information and basic statistical profiles of about 250 industry/commodity groups.

Written Submissions: No public hearing is planned. However, interested persons are invited to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the

August 2001 report. Commercial or financial information which a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be provided 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 and 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 of the Commission for inspection by interested persons. 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 the close of business on December 29, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: October 3, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205–2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none.
 2. Minutes.
 3. Ratification List.
 4. Inv. No. TA–201–72 (Extruded Rubber Thread)(Injury Phase)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its recommendations to the President on December 4, 2000.)
 5. Outstanding action jackets: none.
- In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

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Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0048 (2000)]

Occupational Noise Exposure Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the extension of the information-collection requirements contained in the Occupational Noise Exposure Standard (the Noise Standard") (29 CFR 1910.95).

Request for Comment: The Agency has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before November 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0048 (2000), OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd R. Owen, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2444. A copy of

the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information-collection requirements in the Noise Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or you may request a mailed copy by telephoning Todd R. Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR on the Noise Standard, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information-collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of the 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The information-collection requirements specified in the Noise Standard protect employees from suffering material hearing impairment. The information-collection requirements of the Noise Standard include: Conducting noise monitoring; notifying employees exposed at or above an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels; providing employees with initial and annual audiograms; after comparing audiograms, notifying employees if they have a hearing loss; training employees on the hearing effects of noise, the purpose and effectiveness of hearing protectors, the selection and use of hearing protectors, the purpose of audiometric testing, and an explanation of audiometric testing procedures; maintaining records of workplace noise exposure and employee audiograms; and providing access to these records by employees, their designated representatives, and OSHA.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to increase the existing burden-hour estimate, and to extend OMB's approval, of the

collection-of-information (paperwork) requirements contained in the Noise Standard. The Agency is increasing its previous estimate of 5,166,401 burden hours by 470,677 burden hours. This increase resulted primarily from including, for the first time, the burden hours associated with employee training in the burden-hour estimates. OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information-collection requirements contained in the Noise Standard.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information-collection requirements.

Title: Noise Standard (29 CFR 1910.95).

OMB Number: 1218-0048.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 379,512.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 13,010,358.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 2 minutes to notify employees when noise exposure exceeds the 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels to 1 hour for employees in small establishments to take an audiometric examinations.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,637,078.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$53,891,845.

III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506) and Secretary of Labor's Order No 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 19, 2000.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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