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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for extension.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Director, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0136.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act) (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) was amended in November 2000 to create a new program to help rural communities with extremely high energy costs (Pub. L. 106-472). Under the new section 19 of the RE Act (7 U.S.C. 918a), the Secretary of Agriculture through RUS, is authorized to provide financial assistance through the following three funding streams:

- **High Energy Cost Grants and Loans.** RUS may provide grants and loans for energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities serving communities with average home energy costs in excess of 275 percent of the national average. Many of the

communities are in rural Alaska, but there are other eligible areas nationwide. Eligible applicants include persons, State agencies (including Territories), entities organized under State law, and Indian Tribes. Only grant funds have been appropriated to date.

- **Denali Commission Grants and Loans.** RUS may provide grants and loans to the Denali Commission, a Federal agency, for energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities serving extremely high energy cost rural and remote communities in Alaska. Annual Denali grants are awarded and advanced as soon as funds are available to RUS. The Denali Grants are governed by a Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies and by individual Grant Agreements. Only grant funds have been appropriated to date for the Denali Commission.

- **Bulk Fuel Revolving Fund Grants.** RUS may provide grants to State entities in existence as of November 9, 2000, to support revolving loan funds to improve the efficiency of fuel purchases for communities where the fuel cannot be delivered by surface transportation. Only Alaska and a handful of other States are eligible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.18 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 112.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.82.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,004.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Rebecca Hunt, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660, FAX: (202) 720-8435 or email: rebecca.hunt@wdc.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 16, 2017.

Christopher A. McLean,
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels for the Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities Grant Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA); correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published a document in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2017 announcing the availability of up to \$10 million in fiscal year 2017 (FY17) and application deadlines for competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The current version of one of the required forms to be included with the Application was not correctly identified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Meigel, USDA—Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Stop 1568, Washington, DC 20250-1568, telephone (202) 720-9452 or email to robin.meigel@wdc.usda.gov.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of October 12, 2017, in FR Doc. 2017-22042, on page 47453, in "TABLE 2—REQUIRED CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION PACKAGE, PART D. Additional Required Forms and Certifications," the form identified as Rural Utilities Service 'Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matter—Primary Covered Transactions' is incorrect. The correct form title should read as follows: "Form AD 1047 'Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions'."

Also, in the same FR Doc. 2017-22042, on page 47457, in the first column, under the heading "d. Application Part D—Additional Required Forms and Certifications," fourth bullet from the top, the reference to the Rural Utilities Service "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matter—Primary Covered Transactions" is incorrect. The correct form title should read as follows: Form AD 1047 "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions."

Dated: October 16, 2017.

Christopher A. McLean,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin From Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable October 16, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene Calvert at (202) 482-3586 (Indonesia, Korea, and Pakistan) or Jun Jack Zhao at (202) 482-1396 (Brazil and Taiwan), Office VII, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Petitions

On September 26, 2017, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received antidumping duty (AD) petitions concerning imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan, filed in proper form on behalf of DAK Americas LLC, Indorama Ventures USA, Inc. (Indorama), M&G Polymers USA, LLC, and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America (collectively, the petitioners).¹ The petitioners are domestic producers of PET resin.²

On September 29, 2017, the Department requested supplemental information pertaining to certain areas of the Petitions.³ The petitioners filed

responses to these requests on October 3, 2017.⁴

In accordance with section 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the petitioners allege that imports of PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value, within the meaning of section 731 of the Act, and that such imports are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, the domestic industry producing PET resin in the United States. Consistent with section 732(b)(1) of the Act, the Petitions are accompanied by information reasonably available to the petitioners to support their allegations.

The Department finds that the petitioners filed these Petitions on behalf of the domestic industry because the petitioners are interested parties as defined in section 771(9)(C) of the Act. The Department also finds that the petitioners demonstrated sufficient industry support with respect to initiation of the AD investigations that the petitioners are requesting.⁵

“Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from the Republic of Korea: Supplemental Questions,” September 29, 2017; Letter from the Department, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Pakistan: Supplemental Questions,” September 29, 2017; Letter from the Department, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Taiwan: Supplemental Questions,” September 29, 2017; and Letter from the Department, “Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan,” September 29, 2017.

⁴ See Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume I Relating to General Issues,” October 3, 2017 (General Issues Supplement); see also Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume II Relating to Brazil Antidumping Duties,” October 3, 2017; Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume III Relating to Indonesia Antidumping Duties,” October 3, 2017; Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume IV Relating to the Republic of Korea Antidumping Duties,” October 3, 2017; Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume V Relating to Pakistan Antidumping Duties,” October 3, 2017; Letter from the petitioners, “Polyethylene Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petitioners’ Amendment to Volume VI Relating to Taiwan Antidumping Duties,” October 3, 2017.

⁵ See the “Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions” section below.

Period of Investigations

Because the Petitions were filed on September 26, 2017, the period of investigation (POI) for all investigations is July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1).

Scope of the Investigations

The product covered by these investigations is PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan. For a full description of the scope of these investigations, see the “Scope of the Investigations” in the Appendix to this notice.

Comments on Scope of the Investigations

As discussed in the preamble to the Department’s regulations,⁶ we are setting aside a period for interested parties to raise issues regarding product coverage (*i.e.*, scope). The Department will consider all comments received from interested parties and, if necessary, will consult with interested parties regarding scope prior to the issuance of the preliminary determinations. All factual information included in scope comments should be limited to public information.⁷ To facilitate preparation of its questionnaires, the Department requests that interested parties submit all such comments by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on November 6, 2017, which is the first business day 20 calendar days from the signature date of this notice.⁸ Any rebuttal comments, which may include factual information, must be filed by 5:00 p.m. ET on November 16, 2017, which is 10 calendar days from the initial comment deadline.⁹

The Department requests that any factual information the parties consider relevant to the scope of the investigations be submitted during this time period. However, if a party subsequently finds that additional factual information pertaining to the scope of the investigations may be relevant, the party may contact the Department and request permission to submit the additional information. All such comments must be filed on the record of each concurrent AD investigation.

Filing Requirements

All submissions to the Department must be electronically filed using Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping Duty and Countervailing

⁶ See *Antidumping Duties; Countervailing Duties, Final Rule*, 62 FR 27296, 27323 (May 19, 1997).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.102(b)(21) (defining “factual information”).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.303(b).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.303(b).

¹ See Letter from the petitioners, “Polyester (*sic*) Terephthalate (“PET”) Resin from Brazil, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan—Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties,” September 26, 2017 (the Petitions). Indorama is not a petitioner with respect to the Indonesia petition. See Volume I of the Petitions, at 1.

² See Volume I of the Petitions, at 1.

³ See Letter from the Department, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Brazil: Supplemental Questions,” September 29, 2017; see also Letter from the Department, “Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin from Indonesia: Supplemental Questions,” September 29, 2017; Letter from the Department,