

5. Discussion regarding producers of pipes and valves subject to Export Control Commodity Number 2A292.

6. Presentation of Papers or comments by the public.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Publication of quarterly update to annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, has prepared its quarterly update to the annual list of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty during the period October 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. We are publishing the current listing of those subsidies that we have determined exist. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Morris, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 702(a) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (the Act) requires the Department of Commerce (the Department) to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(g)(b)(4) of the Act, and to publish an annual list and quarterly updates of the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide the Department's quarterly update of subsidies on cheeses that were imported during the period October 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of

Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702 (g)(b)(2) of the Act) being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available.

The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix—Subsidy Programs on Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ subsidy	Net ² subsidy
Austria	European Union Restitution Payments	\$0.21	\$0.21
Belgium	EU Restitution Payments	0.08	0.08
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	0.25	0.25
Denmark	EU Restitution Payments	0.15	0.15
Finland	EU Restitution Payments	0.28	0.28
France	EU Restitution Payments	0.04	0.04
Germany	EU Restitution Payments	0.22	0.22
Greece	EU Restitution Payments	0.00	0.00
Ireland	EU Restitution Payments	0.16	0.16
Italy	EU Restitution Payments	0.04	0.04
Luxembourg	EU Restitution Payments	0.08	0.08
Netherlands	EU Restitution Payments	0.10	0.10
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	0.38	0.38
	Consumer Subsidy	0.17	0.17
Total	0.55	0.55
Portugal	EU Restitution Payments	\$011	0.11
Spain	EU Restitution Payments	0.02	0.02
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	0.32	0.32

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ subsidy	Net ² subsidy
U.K.	EU Restitution Payments	0.10	0.10

¹ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

² Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Region Dealer Purchase 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Kelley McGrath, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01940, (978)281-9307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Reporting from fish dealers is needed to obtain fishery-dependent data on the landings and purchases of fish and shellfish to monitor, evaluate and enforce fishery regulations, collect basic fisheries statistics (species, pounds, and value), and to collect certain effort information for economic and biological assessment of the stocks.

II. Method of Collection

Dealer purchase forms are provided to respondents. Weekly reports for some species will be made via telephone with an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0229.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 88-30, 88-142.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,245.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes for dealer purchase reports (88-30), 30 minutes for shellfish processor reports (88-142), and 4 minutes for IVR reporting. These estimates do not include the time for entries that respondents would make to their own business records as part of their normal business practices.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,391.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Weather Modification Activities Reports

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 June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dr. Joe Golden, NOAA/OAR, Station 11426, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-0460, ext. 123).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 92-205, as amended, requires that all non-Federal weather modification activities in the U.S. and its territories be reported to the Secretary of Commerce. NOAA retains these reports and makes them available to a variety of users interested in weather modification activities. Information is also forwarded to Canada on activities within 200 miles of our common border, and to the World Meteorological Organization.

II. Method of Collection

Each project must file an initial and a final report, and also maintain a daily log of activities.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0025.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 17-4, 17-4A, and 17-4B.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.