

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 Michael Hartz, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Room 2538, FB 3, EPCD, Washington, DC 20233-6100; (301-457-2633).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducted three National Employers Surveys (1994, 1995, and 1997) for the National Center on the Educational Quality of the Workforce, a nonprofit research group. This group's focus is discovering relationships among employment, hiring, training, education, and business success. This information collection seeks to build upon the results of the previous surveys.

This information collection seeks to gather information specifically on employers' school-to-work programs. The collection will relate these findings to similar information collected from employers in the 1997 National Employers Survey (NES-3). The purpose is to measure change, or lack of it, in the scope and prevalence of these programs. We will use the follow-up data to assess changes from the 1997 NES on three major measures: the number of businesses participating in school-to-work that offer work-based learning slots; the number of school-to-work businesses that provide remedial education; and recruitment costs of school-to-work businesses.

This new survey will be a telephone survey of approximately 1,000 establishments that participated in the NES-3.

II. Method of Collection

The Bureau of the Census will conduct the NES Follow-up survey via telephone. The information will be recorded on paper and later coded into a computer database. The interview will include about 40 questions, most of which will not require the respondent to refer to any records, and will require about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will be conducted of approximately 1,000 establishments with more than 20 employees, chosen through a stratified, random-sampling method. Confidentiality of the survey data is guaranteed by Title 13, United States Code. After the Census Bureau performs data keying and consistency editing, the data set will be provided to

sworn Census agents representing the survey sponsor.

A high participation rate for employers is usually crucial for statistically reliable data in this type of survey. The survey sponsor has discussed the survey issues with selected respondents from the NES-3. It is the sponsor's opinion that the business establishments they contacted were quite interested in the survey issues and that most will strongly consider participating in the survey. The businesses indicated that their decision to participate in a survey was primarily based on their perception of the usefulness of the requested information and the businesses are very interested in the issues of the survey. Several respondents (employers) told the sponsor that they wanted the results of the survey. Based on these factors (and especially the employers concerns about these workplace issues), we expect a high rate of the employers from the NES-3 to participate in the Follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0787.

Form Number: NES Follow-up telephone interview.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business establishments with 20 or more employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 167.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time required to complete the interview.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: United States Code, Title 13, sections 8 and 9.

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: January 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 949]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Sargento Foods, Inc., (Cheese Processing), Plymouth, Wisconsin

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from Brown County, Wisconsin, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 167, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the cheese processing plant of Sargento Foods, Inc., in Plymouth, Wisconsin, was filed by the Board on June 10, 1997, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 48-97, 62 FR 33830, 6-23-97); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application for export processing is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status for export activity at the Sargento Foods, Inc., plant in Plymouth, Wisconsin (Subzone 167C), at the location

described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the further requirement that all foreign origin cheese products admitted to the subzone shall be reexported.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of January 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

BUREAU: International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.

TITLE: The President's "E" Award and The President's "E" Certificate of Service.

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 the 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 March 27, 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. Phone number (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Evelyn Scott, Room 3810, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; phone (202) 482-1289, fax (202) 482-0729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The President's "E" Award for Excellence in Exporting is our nation's

highest award to honor American exporters. "E" Awards recognize firms and organizations for their competitive achievements in world markets, as well as the benefits of their success to the U.S. economy. The President's "E Star" Award recognizes the sustained superior international marketing performance of "E" Award winners.

II. Method of Collection

An application form is the vehicle designed to determine eligibility for the award within established criteria. The completed application is submitted to the appropriate U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center for review and endorsement, and then forwarded to the Office of Domestic Operations in the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., for processing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0065.

Form Number: ITA 725P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: U.S. firms and organizations and American subsidiaries of foreign-owned or controlled corporations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time per Response: 27.4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,644.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$68,000.

IV. Requested 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: January 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. In accordance with our regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews. The Department of Commerce also received a request to revoke one antidumping duty order in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b) (1997), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. The Department also received a timely request to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on welded ASTM A-312 stainless steel pipe from Taiwan.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than December 31, 1998.