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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on the Expenditures Incurred by Recipients of Bio-Medical Research Awards From the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Department of Commerce invites the general public and other Federal agencies 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 October 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via Internet at DHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to: Ms. Teresita Teensma, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-57, Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: (202) 606-9792, Internet: Teresita.Teensma@bea.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The survey to obtain the distribution of expenditures incurred by recipients of biomedical research awards from the National Institutes of Health Research (NIH) will provide information on how the NIH award amounts are expended across several major categories. This

information, along with wage and price data from other published sources, will be used to generate the Biomedical Research and Developmental Price Index (BRDPI). The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Commerce develops this index for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under reimbursable contract. The BRDPI is an index of prices paid for the labor, supplies, equipment, and other inputs required to perform the biomedical research the NIH supports in its intramural laboratories and through its awards to extramural organizations. The BRDPI is a vital tool for planning the NIH research budget and analyzing future NIH programs. A survey of award recipient entities is currently the only means for updating the expenditure categories that are used to prepare the BRDPI.

II. Authority

This survey will be voluntary. The authority for the National Institutes of Health to collect information for the BRDPI is provided in 45 CFR subpart C, Post-Award Requirements, section 74.21 which sets forth explicit standards for grantees in establishing and maintaining financial management systems and records and section 74.53 which provides for the retention of such records as well as NIH access to such records.

BEA will administer the survey and analyze the survey results on behalf of NIH, through an interagency agreement between the two agencies. The authority for the NIH to contract with DOC to make this collection is the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535 and 1536).

The "Special Studies" authority, 15 U.S.C. 1525 (first paragraph), permits DOC to provide, upon the request of any person, firm or public or private organization (a) Special studies on matters within the authority of the Department of Commerce, including preparing from its records special compilations, lists, bulletins, or reports, and (b) furnishing transcripts or copies of its studies, compilations and other records. BEA has programmatic authority to perform this work pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1527a.

NIH's support for this research is consistent with the Agency's duties and authority under 42 U.S.C. 282.

The information provided by the respondents will be held confidential and be used for exclusively statistical

purposes. This pledge of confidentiality is made under the Confidential Information Protection provisions of title V, subtitle A, Public Law 107-347. Title V is the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). Section 512 (on Limitations on Use and Disclosure of Data and Information) of the Act, provides that "data or information acquired by an agency under a pledge of confidentiality and for exclusively statistical purposes shall be used by officers, employees, or agents of the agency exclusively for statistical purposes. Data or information acquired by an agency under a pledge of confidentiality for exclusively statistical purposes shall not be disclosed by an agency in identifiable form, for any use other than an exclusively statistical purpose, except with the informed consent of the respondent."

Responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents of BEA without your consent. By law, each employee as well as each agent is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she makes public any identifiable information that you report about your business or institution.

Section 515 of the Information Quality Guidelines applies to this survey. The collection and use of this information complies with all applicable information quality guidelines, *i.e.*, those of the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Commerce, and BEA.

III. Method of Collection

A survey questionnaire with a cover letter that includes a brief description of, and rationale for, the survey will be sent to potential respondents by the first week of June of each year. A report of the respondent's expenditures of the NIH award amounts, following the proposed format for expenditure categories attached to the survey's cover letter, will be requested to be returned no later than 60 days after mailing. Survey respondents will be selected on the basis of award levels, which determine the weight of the respondent in the biomedical research and development price index. Potential respondents will include (1) The top 100 organizations in total awards, which account for about 74 percent of total

awards; (2) the top 40 organizations that are not primarily in the "Research and Development (R&D) contracts" category, and which account for about 4 percent of total awards; and, (3) the top 10 organizations that are primarily in the "R&D contracts" category, and which account for less than one percent of total awards.

IV. Data

OMB Number:

Form Number:

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Universities or other organizations that are NIH award recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105.

Estimated Time Per Response: 11.2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,176 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$43,982 (Assumes a 70 percent response rate, an estimated reporting burden of 11.2 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$37.40.)

V. 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 NIH, including whether the information has 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: August 18, 2004.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

(A-557-805)

Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia; Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order and Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: On March 9, 2004, the Department published a notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review and preliminarily found that there was a reasonable basis to determine that changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation exist. In our preliminary results, we gave interested parties an opportunity to comment. See 69 FR 10980 (Mar. 9, 2004). In March and April, 2004, Heveafil Sdn. Bhd., Filmax Sdn. Bhd., and Heveafil USA Inc. (collectively "Heveafil"), a producer/exporter of subject merchandise and an interested party in this proceeding, and the trustee in the bankruptcy for North American Rubber Thread Co., Inc. (North American) submitted case and rebuttal briefs, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 24, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin or Elizabeth Eastwood, Office 2, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3874, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 9, 2004, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review and intent to revoke the order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. See *Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order, Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent To Revoke Antidumping Duty Order*, 69 FR 10980 (Mar. 9, 2004). On March 24, 2004, Heveafil submitted a case brief. On May 12, 2004, North American submitted a rebuttal brief. We received no other comments from interested parties on the Department's preliminary results.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. Extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge, in diameter. Extruded rubber thread is currently classifiable under subheading 4007.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs by parties to this changed circumstances review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memo) from Jeffrey May, Deputy Assistant Secretary, to James J. Jochum, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated August 11, 2004, which is adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memo, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in the Central Records Unit in Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results

After our analysis of the comments received, we determine that it is appropriate to revoke the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia, effective as of October 1, 2003.

Instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection

We will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all entries of extruded rubber thread from Malaysia, made on or after October 1, 2003, the first day of the most recent period of administrative review and the only period for which an administrative review has not been completed, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222. We will also instruct CBP to pay interest on