

Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Authority

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor has determined that preparation of a Supplemental EIS (Draft and Final) is required in order to address changed conditions and prior agency commitments, under CEQ regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501–1508). The Supplemental EIS will address a proposal by the Salmon-Challis, Bitterroot, Payette and Nez Perce National Forests to address weeds management as described above. That portion of the Boise National Forest that falls within the FC–RONRW is proposed and will be administered by the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Responsible Official

I am the responsible official for release of the Notice of Intent to prepare this Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. My address is Salmon-Challis National Forest, 50 Hwy 93 South, Salmon, Idaho 83467. In addition to myself, Deciding Officials will include: Mark Madrid, Forest Supervisor Payette National Forest; Bruce Bernhardt, Forest Supervisor Nez Perce National Forest and Dave Bull, Forest Supervisor Bitterroot National Forest.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Lesley W. Thompson,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Annan, Acting Director, Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA,

1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5168 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–0737. FAX: (202) 720–4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Seismic Safety of New Building Construction.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0099.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) was enacted to reduce risks to life and property through the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is designated as the agency with the primary responsibility to plan and coordinate the NEHRP. This program includes the development and implementation of feasible design and construction methods to make structures earthquake resistant. Executive Order 12699 of January 5, 1990, Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally Assisted or Regulated New Building Construction, requires that measures to assure seismic safety be imposed on federally assisted new building construction.

Title 7 Part 1792, Subpart C, Seismic Safety of Federally assisted New Building Construction, identifies acceptable seismic standards which must be employed in new building construction funded by loans, grants, or guarantees made by RUS or the Rural Telephone Bank (RTB) or through lien accommodations or subordinations approved by RUS or RTB. This subpart implements and explains the provisions of the loan contract utilized by the RUS for both electric and telecommunications borrowers and by the RTB for its telecommunications borrowers requiring construction certifications affirming compliance with the standards.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Small business or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720–0812.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 on other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Richard Annan, Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 5168 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522.

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.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Business Development Mission to Brazil

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice to Announce Business Development Mission to Brazil, November 9–13, 2003.

SUMMARY: Deputy Secretary of Commerce Samuel W. Bodman, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance William Lash, will lead a senior-level business development mission to Sao Paulo, Brasilia and Recife, Brazil from November 9–13, 2003. The focus of the mission will be to help U.S. companies explore trade and investment opportunities in Brazil. The delegation will include approximately 10–15 U.S.-based senior executives of small, medium and large U.S. firms representing, but not limited to, technology, equipment, and services in the following key growth sectors: infrastructure (port, rail, construction), information technology, security, agribusiness and biotechnology.

DATES: Applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison by October 3, 2003. Applications received after that date

will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Business Liaison; Room 5062; Department of Commerce; Washington, DC 20230; Tel: (202) 482-1360; Fax: (202) 482-4054.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Business Development Mission to Brazil

November 9-13, 2003

I. Description of the Mission

Deputy Secretary of Commerce Samuel W. Bodman, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance William Lash, will lead a senior-level business development mission to Sao Paulo, Brasilia and Recife, Brazil from November 9-13, 2003. The focus of the mission will be to help U.S. companies explore trade and investment opportunities in Brazil. The delegation will include approximately 10-15 U.S.-based senior executives of small, medium and large U.S. firms representing, but not limited to, technology, equipment, and services in the following key growth sectors: infrastructure (port, rail, construction), information technology, security, agribusiness and biotechnology.

II. Commercial Setting for the Mission

Brazil is the largest market in the Western Hemisphere after the United States, with 180 million people and a GDP of over \$450 billion. Total trade between the United States and Brazil has held steady at about \$30 billion per year. In 2002, Brazil had a \$13 billion surplus with the world (\$3.4 billion with the U.S.) as a result of an aggressive export strategy, relatively favorable exchange rate regime, and strong agricultural exports.

Brazil offers substantial opportunities for U.S. firms due to the sheer size and sophistication of its internal market. Developing Brazil's infrastructure is a priority for the Lula Administration, and is key to modernizing the underdeveloped Northeast region of the country, as well as furthering efficiency in the Brazil's industrial zones. The Brazilian federal government and many individual states are moving forward on a variety of infrastructure development projects backed by multilateral lending institutions, focusing on transportation and construction. Development of Brazil's technology sector—both information technology and biotechnology—is another priority for the Lula government. Strong links between the research and industry communities offer a wealth of business opportunities across the country. Brazil

also has advanced genetic and biotechnology research sectors with a focus on agriculture and agribusiness.

The financial situation in Brazil has greatly improved since last year's Presidential elections. The new administration immediately set out to calm the markets by vowing to maintain strict fiscal policies, fulfill Brazil's debt obligations, promote economic growth, and install pro-business officials in his cabinet. Although high interest rates have dampened internal investment, the Lula Administration has created a solid economic climate by holding inflation in check, reforming part of the tax code, and working to reduce bureaucracy in international trade.

III. Goals for the Mission

The mission will further U.S. commercial policy objectives, and advance specific U.S. business interests. It is intended to:

- Assist individual U.S. companies to pursue export and other new business opportunities in Brazil by introducing them to key government decision-making officials and potential business partners;
- Evaluate the market potential for the company's products and assist firms in gaining an understanding of how to operate successfully in Brazil's commercial environment;
- Enhance the dialogue between government and industry on issues affecting U.S.-Brazil commercial relations, and build upon the pro-growth agenda launched during the Summit between President Bush and Brazilian President Lula; and
- Promote the benefits of economic growth through liberalized trade and investment policies, especially in the underdeveloped Northeast region of Brazil.

IV. Scenario for the Mission

The Business Development Mission will provide participants with exposure to high-level business and government contacts and an understanding of market trends and the commercial environment. American Embassy officials will provide a detailed briefing on the economic, commercial and political climate, and participants will receive individual counseling on their specific interests from the in-country U.S. Commercial Service industry specialists. Meetings will be arranged as appropriate with senior government officials and potential business partners. Representational events also will be organized to provide mission participants with opportunities to meet Brazil's business and government

representatives, as well as U.S. business people living and working in Brazil.

The tentative trip itinerary will be as follows:

- November 9—Arrive Brasilia; Mission Begins
- November 10—Meetings with the Brazilian Government
- November 11—Travel to Recife for Business Meetings
- November 12—Travel to Sao Paulo for Business Meetings
- November 13—Business Meetings in Sao Paulo; Mission Concludes

V. Criteria for Participation of Companies

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants for this mission will be conducted according to the "Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce-Overseas Trade Missions" established in March 1997. Approximately 10-15 companies will be selected for the mission. Companies will be selected according to the criteria set out below.

Eligibility

Applicants must be: (1) incorporated in the United States; and (2) the products and/or services that it will promote (a) must be manufactured or produced in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, must be marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

Selection Criteria

Companies will be selected for participation in the mission on the basis of:

- Consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business and product line to market opportunities in Brazil;
- Rank of the designated company representative;
- Past, present, or prospective international business activity;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business;
- Degree of company's commitment to good corporate citizenship; and
- Timely receipt of signed mission application, participation agreement, and participation fee.

Recruitment will begin immediately and will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade missions

calendar—<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>—and other Internet websites, press releases to the general and trade media. Promotion of the mission will also take place through the involvement of U.S. Export Assistance Centers and relevant trade associations.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process.

VI. Time Frame for Applications

Applications for the trade mission to Brazil will be made available on or about September 4, 2003. The fee to participate in the mission has not yet been determined, but will be approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000. The participation fee will not cover travel to and from Brazil or lodging expenses; these will be the responsibility of each mission participant. For additional information on the trade mission or to obtain an application, contact the Office of Business Liaison at (202) 482-1360. Applications should be submitted by October 3, 2003, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. A mission website will be posted at <http://www.commerce.gov/brazilmission2003> to share information as it becomes available. Contact: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Tel: (202) 482-1360 Fax: (202) 482-4054, e-mail: obl@doc.gov, <http://www.commerce.gov/brazilmission2003>.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Dan McCardell,

Director, Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Automotive Replacement Glass Windshields From The People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of partial rescission of administrative review.

SUMMARY: On May 21, 2003, in response to timely requests from respondents subject to the order on certain automotive replacement glass ("ARG") windshields from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review of sales by respondents, including Changchun Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., Dongguan Kongwan Automobile Glass, Ltd., Fuyao Glass Industry Group Company, Ltd., Guilin Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., Peaceful City, Ltd., Shanghai Yaohua Pilkington Autoglass Company, Ltd., Shenzhen CSG Automotive Glass Co., Ltd., (formerly Shenzhen Benxum Auto Glass Co., Ltd.) ("Benxum"), TCG International, Inc. ("TCGI"), Wuhan Yaohua Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., and Xinyi Automotive Glass (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. ("Xinyi") of ARG from China for the period September 19, 2001 through March 31, 2003. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 27781 (May 21, 2003) ("Initiation Notice"). The petitioners in the original investigation did not request an administrative review. Because Benxum, TCGI, and Xinyi have withdrawn their requests for administrative review and the petitioners did not request an administrative review, the Department is rescinding this review of sales by Benxum, TCGI, and Xinyi, in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 351.213(d)(1). The Department is now publishing its determination to rescind the review of sales of subject merchandise by Benxum, TCGI, and Xinyi for the periods referenced below.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Bailey or Jon Freed, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1102, (202) 482-3818, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 4, 2002, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on ARG Windshields from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Antidumping Duty Order: Automotive Replacement Glass Windshields from the People's Republic of China*, 67 FR 16087 (April 4, 2002). On April 7, 2003, the

Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ARG windshields from the PRC for the period September 19, 2001, through March 31, 2003. See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 68 FR 16761 (April 7, 2003). On May 21, 2003, in response to timely requests from respondents subject to the order on ARG windshields from the PRC, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of this antidumping duty administrative review of sales by respondents, including Changchun Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., Dongguan Kongwan Automobile Glass, Ltd., Fuyao Glass Industry Group Company, Ltd., Guilin Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., Peaceful City, Ltd., Shanghai Yaohua Pilkington Autoglass Company, Ltd., Benxum, TCGI, Wuhan Yaohua Pilkington Safety Glass Company, Ltd., and Xinyi of ARG windshields from the PRC for the period September 19, 2001 through March 31, 2003. See *Initiation Notice*, 68 FR 27781 (May 21, 2003).

On June 3, 2003, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to the respondents, including Benxum, TCGI, and Xinyi. On July 8, 2003, Benxum submitted a letter to the Department withdrawing its request for an administrative review of sales and entries of subject merchandise exported by Benxum and covered by the antidumping duty order on ARG windshields from the PRC. On July 31, 2003, TCGI submitted a letter to the Department withdrawing its request for an administrative review of sales and entries of subject merchandise exported by TCGI and covered by the antidumping duty order on ARG windshields from the PRC. On July 31, 2003, Xinyi submitted a letter to the Department withdrawing its request for an administrative review of sales and entries of subject merchandise exported by Xinyi and covered by the antidumping duty order on ARG windshields from the PRC.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of requested review. Benxum, TCGI, and Xinyi withdrew their respective requests for review within the 90 day time limit; accordingly, we are rescinding this administrative