

Accordingly, we find that petitioner has not provided sufficient information to warrant initiation of an investigation of this program.

#### **GOC Provision of Goods for Less than Adequate Remuneration**

##### **2. Provision of Natural Gas and Water to State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) for Less than Adequate Remuneration**

Petitioner alleges that the GOC provides natural gas and water to SOEs and special industrial sectors at subsidized prices. Petitioner further alleges that end-user prices for natural gas and for water are set by the National Development and Reform Commission, and rarely reflect the true market price of these commodities. For purposes of this initiation, we find that petitioner has not sufficiently alleged the elements necessary for a less than adequate remuneration subsidy, as identified in 19 CFR 351.511. Petitioner has not provided sufficient information demonstrating that the GOC has provided natural gas and water for less than adequate remuneration and that this program is specific. Accordingly, we find that petitioner has not provided sufficient information to warrant initiation of an investigation of these programs.

#### **GOC Indirect Tax Program and Import Tariff Program**

##### **3. VAT Exemptions on Exports**

Petitioner alleges that the GOC enterprises are exempted from paying import tariffs and VAT payments on imported equipment provided that these goods are not for resale. Petitioner notes that in certain cases, a full 17-percent VAT exemption will apply upon export. Petitioner states that the program, by definition, is conditioned upon export performance, and therefore, is an export subsidy. Petitioner further alleges that this is a prohibited export subsidy if the exemption or reduction of indirect taxes on the exported product exceeds the indirect taxes levied on the inputs into the exported product. We find that Petitioner has not sufficiently alleged the elements necessary for the imposition of a countervailing duty and did not support the allegation with reasonably available information. Therefore, we are not initiating an investigation of this program.

#### **Application of the Countervailing Duty Law to the PRC**

The Department has treated the PRC as a non-market economy (NME) country in all past antidumping investigations and administrative reviews. In accordance with section 771(18)(C)(i) of the Act, any

determination that a country is an NME country shall remain in effect until revoked by the administering authority. *See e.g., Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, (TRBs) From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of 2001–2002 Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review*, 68 FR 7500, 7500–1 (February 14, 2003), unchanged in *TRBs from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of 2001–2001 Administrative Review*, 68 FR 70488, 70488–89 (December 18, 2003).

In the final affirmative countervailing duty determination on coated free sheet paper from the PRC, the Department determined that the current nature of the PRC economy does not create obstacles to applying the necessary criteria in the countervailing duty law. *See Coated Free Sheet Paper from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 72 FR 60645 (October 25, 2007), and the accompanying *Issues and Decision Memorandum*, at Comment 1. Therefore, because petitioner has provided sufficient allegations and support of its allegations to meet the statutory criteria for initiating a countervailing duty investigation of sodium nitrite from the PRC, initiation of a countervailing duty investigation is warranted in this case.

#### **Respondent Selection**

For this investigation, the Department expects to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the POI. We intend to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 20 days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within seven calendar days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

#### **Distribution of Copies of the Petition**

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the GOC. To the extent practicable, we will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as provided under 19 CFR 351.203(c)(2).

#### **ITC Notification**

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 702(d) of the Act.

#### **Preliminary Determination by the ITC**

The ITC will preliminarily determine, within 25 days after the date on which

it receives notice of this initiation, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of subsidized sodium nitrite from the PRC are materially injuring, or threatening material injury to, a U.S. industry. *See* section 703(a)(2) of the Act. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 3.2 “Climate projections for research and assessment based on emissions scenarios developed through the CCTP”**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce a 45-day public comment period for the draft report titled, U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.2: “Climate projections for research and assessment based on emissions scenarios developed through the CCTP”.

This draft document is being released solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by NOAA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. After consideration of comments received on the draft report, a revised version along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.2: “Climate projections for research and assessment

based on emissions scenarios developed through the CCTP." is posted on the CCSP Web site at:

[www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap3-2/public-review-draft/default.htm](http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap3-2/public-review-draft/default.htm)

Detailed instructions for making comments on this draft report are provided on the link above. Comments must be prepared in accordance to these instructions and must be submitted to: [3.2-climateprojections@usgcrp.gov](mailto:3.2-climateprojections@usgcrp.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419-3481.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that promote climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues.

Dated: November 27, 2007.

**William J. Brennan,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, and Acting Director, Climate Change Science Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 4, 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance

Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 29, 2007.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:*

Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 57. *Burden Hours:* 912.

*Abstract:* The Annual PAAT Program Performance Report will be used to analyze and evaluate the PAAT Program administered by eligible systems in states. These systems provide services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist in the acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology devices or assistive technology services. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) uses the form to meet specific data collection requirements of Section 5 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (AT Act). PAAT programs must report annually using the form, which is due on or before December 30 of each year. The Annual PAAT Performance Report has enabled RSA to

furnish the President and Congress with data on the provision of protection and advocacy services and has helped to establish a sound basis for future funding requests. Data from the form have been used to evaluate the effectiveness of eligible systems within individual states in meeting annual priorities and objectives. These data also have been used to indicate trends in the provision of services from year to year.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3535. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Migrant Student Information Exchange

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Migrant Student Information Exchange" (MSIX) (18-14-04).

MSIX will contain information on migrant students who participate in the Migrant Education Program (MEP) authorized under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110). Section 1308(b)(2) of ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6398(b)(2)) specifically