

proposed extension of the use of the U.S. Government (USG) Trade Information Request Form by the Trade Promotion Coordination Committee's (TPCC) Advocacy Network. The form is used to evaluate requests for USG advocacy in connection with overseas commercial bids, offers, and proposals directed at foreign governments. The International Trade Administration's (ITA) Advocacy Center marshals federal resources to assist U.S. commercial interests competing for foreign government commercial projects, procurements, investments, and business ventures worldwide. The mission of the Advocacy Center is to coordinate USG commercial advocacy in order to promote U.S. exports and trade, which both creates and sustains U.S. employment. The Advocacy Center works with and coordinates activities within the TPCC, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and includes 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion.

The purpose of the Trade Information Request is to collect the information necessary to evaluate whether it would be in the U.S. national interest to provide advocacy on a specific case. USG advocacy guidelines exist to assist USG personnel in determining whether and to what extent USG advocacy is appropriate in connection with a transaction involving U.S. interests. The Trade Information Request Form was developed to collect only the information necessary to help the USG make a national interest determination consistent with the advocacy guidelines. The Advocacy Center, appropriate ITA officials, U.S. Embassy/Consulate officials worldwide, and other federal government agencies (the Advocacy Network) that provide advocacy support, will require firms seeking USG advocacy support to complete the request.

II. Method of Collection

When U.S. commercial interests request USG advocacy assistance, they are either sent Form ITA-4136P or referred to the Advocacy Center's Web site from which Form ITA-4136P may be downloaded, completed, signed, and filed.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0238.

Form Number: ITA-4136P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Commercial Interests seeking USG advocacy.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 205.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$15,300.00 (\$9,175.00 for respondents and \$6,125.00 for federal government).

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 costs) 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 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: December 5, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Internet Export Finance Matchmaker; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW.,

Washington, DC 20230, or e-mail dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Jessica Sanderson, The Advocacy Center, Room 3814A, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-2429, and fax number: (202) 482-3508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Department of Commerce invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed extension of the use of the Internet Export Finance Matchmaker. The program is used to assist U.S. firms in identifying trade finance opportunities and promoting the competitiveness of U.S. financial services in international trade. The mission of the International Trade Administration (ITA) is to coordinate U.S. Government (USG) commercial advocacy in order to promote U.S. exports and trade, which both creates and sustains U.S. employment. The ITA interacts with private financial institutions in insurance, banking, leasing, factoring, bartering, and counter-trade; U.S. financing agencies, such as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; multilateral development banks, such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and others.

To facilitate contact between exporters and financial institutions, the Office of Finance has developed an interactive Internet trade finance matchmaking program to link exporters seeking trade finance with banks and other financial institutions. The information collected from financial institutions regarding the trade finance products and services they offer is compiled into a database. An exporter is able to electronically submit a one-page form identifying the potential export transaction and type of financing requested. This information is electronically matched with the financial institution(s) that meet the requirements of the exporter. After a match has been made, a message is electronically sent to both the exporter and the financial institution containing information about the match, and contact information for either party to initiate communication. This program is designed to implement the Department of Commerce's goal of improving access to trade financing for small business exporters.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic submission to the International Trade Administration.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0232.

Form Number: ITA-4146P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other For-Profit Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response:

Exporters: 10 Minutes.

Financial Institutions: 30 Minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 90.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$3,150.

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 costs) 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 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: December 5, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

SUMMARY: Export Trading Company Affairs ("ETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review ("Certificate"). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Anspacher, Director, Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7021-B H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 05-2A001." A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Central America Poultry Export Quota, Inc. ("CA-PEQ"), 901 New York Avenue, NW., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20001-4413.

Contact: Kyd D. Brenner, Partner, DTB Associates, LLP, Telephone: (202) 661-7098.

Application No.: 05-2A001.

Date Deemed Submitted: November 28, 2006.

The original CA-PEQ Certificate was issued on January 30, 2006 (71 FR 6753, February 9, 2006) and last amended on July 11, 2006 (71 FR 40076, July 14, 2006).

Proposed Amendment

1. CA-PEQ seeks to amend the Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation section of its certificate at part 2 (Implementation), F (Contents of Bid), first sentence, (ii) *from:* the quantity of poultry bid, in an amount that is a multiple of 25 metric tons *to:* the quantity of poultry bid, with a minimum bid of one metric ton.

2. CA-PEQ seeks to allow for the public disclosure of the following two additional pieces of information regarding the result of its public tender process: (a) The average bid price for all successful bids; and (b) the names of the successful bidders. This change would be reflected by amending the Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation section of its certificate at part 2 (Implementation), H (Confidentiality of Information) *from:* The Administrator shall treat all bids and their contents as confidential. The Administrator shall disclose any such information only to another neutral third party or authorized government official of the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua, signatories to the DR-CAFTA, and only where necessary to ensure the effective operation of the TRQ System or where required by law (including appropriate disclosure in connection with the arbitration of a dispute). However, after the issuance of all TRQ Certificates from an open-tender process, the Administrator shall notify all bidders and shall disclose publicly (i) the total tonnage for which TRQ Certificates were awarded, and (ii) the lowest price per metric ton of all successful bids *to:* The Administrator shall treat all bids and their contents as confidential. The Administrator shall disclose any such information only to another neutral third party or authorized government official of the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua, signatories to the DR-CAFTA, and only where necessary to ensure the effective operation of the TRQ System or where required by law (including appropriate disclosure in connection with the arbitration of a dispute). However, after close of each open-tender process the Administrator shall notify all bidders and shall disclose publicly (i) the total tonnage for which TRQ certificates were awarded, (ii) the lowest price per metric