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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 28, 2007.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Issuance Reconciliation Report. OMB Control Number: 0584–0080. Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (the Act) at Section 7(d) requires State agencies to report on their Food Stamp Program issuance operations not less than monthly, through a reconciliation process. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), administers the Food Stamp Program in cooperation with State and local governments. States are held liable to USDA for any financial losses involved in the issuance of food stamp benefits.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS uses form FNS–46 form, Issuance Reconciliation Report, to ensure that State agencies are responsible for preventing losses or shortages of Federal funds in the issuance of benefits. The FNS–46 report is a program management report which is used on an ongoing basis to document the reconciliation process by which State agencies compare all issuances made during the month to the record for issuance.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government. Number of Respondents: 54. Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 5,184.

Ruth Brown.

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Data Sharing Activity

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) proposes to provide to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data collected from several surveys that it conducts on U.S. direct investment abroad, foreign direct investment in the United States, and U.S. international

services transactions for statistical purposes exclusively. In accordance with the requirement of Section 524(d) of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA), we are providing the opportunity for public comment on this data-sharing action.

The data provided to BLS will be used

for two purposes:

(1) The BLS International Price Program is researching the feasibility of producing price indexes for imports and exports of services, such as financial services, film and tape rentals, and royalties and license fees. BLS will use data from BEA surveys to develop sample frames of companies that trade these services and to directly collect price information from the selected companies. BLS will also use BEA data as weighting sources for the price indexes. Should it prove feasible to produce price indexes for international services, BEA will share data collected in its direct investment and international services surveys with BLS each time BLS draws a new sample and reweights the indexes. BLS will share sample frame and revenue information that it collects with BEA, which will allow BEA to identify errors or omissions in the data collected on its surveys. This data sharing effort will improve the quality of price indexes for imported and exported services that BEA uses in compiling the National Income and Product Accounts.

(2) The BLS Division of Foreign Labor Statistics will use BEA data collected on employment, compensation, and (as available) hours worked at the foreign affiliates of U.S. multinational companies to estimate their hourly compensation costs for research comparing the levels and trends of hourly compensation costs of foreign affiliates with the average costs for establishments in the same industries and same host countries as the affiliates. **DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 4, 2008. ADDRESSES: Please direct all written comments on this proposed program to the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information on this proposed program should be directed to Maria Borga, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE–50), Washington, DC 20230, by phone on (202) 606–9853, via the Internet at *Maria.Borga@bea.gov*, or by fax on (202) 606–5318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

CIPSEA (Pub. L. 107-347, Title V) and the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 22 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3101-3108) allow BEA and BLS to share certain business data for exclusively statistical purposes. Section 524(d) of the CIPSEA requires a **Federal Register** notice announcing the intent to share data (allowing 60 days for public comment), since BEA respondents were required by law to report the data. Section 524(d) also requires us to provide information about the terms of the agreement for data sharing. For purposes of this notice, BEA has decided to group these terms by three categories.

The categories are:

- Shared data.
- Statistical purposes for the shared data.
 - Data access and confidentiality.

Shared Data

BEA proposes to provide BLS with data from its surveys of U.S. direct investment abroad, foreign direct investment in the United States, and U.S. international services transactions. BLS will use these data for statistical purposes exclusively.

Statistical Purposes for the Shared Data

Data collected in BEA's surveys of direct investment are used to develop estimates of the financing and operations of U.S. parent companies, their foreign affiliates, and U.S. affiliates of foreign companies, and estimates of transactions between parents and affiliates. Data collected in BEA's surveys of U.S. international services transactions are used to develop estimates of services transactions between U.S. persons (in a broad legal sense, including companies) and foreign persons. These estimates are published in the Survey of Current Business, BEA's monthly journal; in other BEA publications; and on BEA's Web site at *http://www.bea.gov/.* All data are collected under sections 3101-3108, of Title 22, U.S.C.

The shared data will be used for several exclusively statistical purposes by both agencies, such as the production of price indexes for imported and exported services and the making of international comparisons between the hourly compensation costs at the foreign affiliates of U.S. multinational companies and the average costs for

establishments in the same industries and same host countries as the foreign affiliates.

Data Access and Confidentiality

Title 22, U.S.C. 3104 protects the confidentiality of the data to be provided by BEA to BLS. The data may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of the information. Access to the shared data will be restricted to specifically authorized personnel and will be provided for statistical purposes only. Any results of this research are subject to BEA disclosure protection. All BLS employees with access to these data will become BEA Special Sworn Employees—meaning that they, under penalty of law, must uphold the data's confidentiality.

J. Steven Landefeld,

Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Part

AGENCY: Import Administration,

Department of Commerce.

International Trade Administration,

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2007, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rods from India and a notice of intent to rescind the antidumping duty administrative review in part. The administrative review currently covers one manufacturer/ exporter, Mukand Ltd., and the review period is December 1, 2005, through November 30, 2006. We stated our intent to rescind the review with respect to the manufacturer/exporter Sunflag Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., in our preliminary results. We have received no comments from interested parties on our preliminary results. We have made no changes to our calculations for the final results of review and, accordingly, have found that Mukand Ltd. made sales at less than normal value in the U.S. market. The final weighted-average

dumping margin for this company is

listed below in the section entitled

"Final Results of the Review." In

addition, we have rescinded the

administrative review of sales of stainless steel wire rods made by Sunflag Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (December 4, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edythe Artman, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–3931.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 12, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rods from India and a notice of intent to rescind the antidumping duty administrative review in part. See Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Intent to Rescind Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Part, 72 FR 52079 (September 12, 2007). We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results but received no comments from the parties.

Rescission of Review in Part

In the preliminary results of review, we stated our intent to rescind the administrative review with respect to sales of stainless steel wire rods (wire rods) made by Sunflag Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. (Sunflag), during the period of review because we had initiated a newshipper review of these sales. See Stainless Steel Wire Rod from India: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty New-Shipper Review, 72 FR 13088 (March 20, 2007). We thus preliminarily determined that it was appropriate to rescind the administrative review with respect to Sunflag pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(j), which permits a rescission when there are multiple reviews of the sales of a company.

We received no comments from interested parties concerning our intent to rescind. Because Sunflag's sales are subject to a new–shipper review, we are rescinding the administrative review with respect to Sunflag pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(j).

Scope of the Order

The merchandise under review is wire rods, which are hot–rolled or hot–rolled annealed and/or pickled rounds, squares, octagons, hexagons or other shapes, in coils. Wire rods are made of alloy steels containing, by weight, 1.2 percent or less of carbon and 10.5