

I. Abstract

Regulations for the Control of the International Movement of Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition (OAS Model Regulations), are designed to promote harmonized procedures for import and export controls over the legal international movement of firearms. The Model Regulations and the Firearms Convention require the government of importing States to issue an Import Certificate to the importer of firearms and the government of exporting States to issue licenses for the firearms.

II Method of Collection

Written notification and recordkeeping.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0114.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 833.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 to 45 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 179.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0—no capital expenditures are required.

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 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Commercial Encryption Items Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity 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 June 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Her "e" mail address is LEngelme@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, BXA ICB Liaison, Department of Commerce, Room 6881, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) set forth the licensing policy for exports and reexports of encryption commodities and software to U.S. subsidiaries, insurance companies, health and medical end-users, on-line merchants and foreign commercial firms. The information required is used in making licensing decisions. A recent rulemaking reduced paperwork by eliminating the following: (1) key recovery agent requirements; (2) business and marketing plan requirement for non-recovery items; and (3) six month progress reviews.

II. Method of Collection

Typed or by Fax.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0104.

Form Number: BXA-748P.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 260.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes to 5½ hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 703.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0—no capital expenditures are required.

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 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.

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Dated: March 31, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting**

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) will meet on April 22, 1999, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to advanced materials and related technology.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks.
2. Discussion of the effect on industry of adding controls for salts, esters, and

hydrates of the 54 chemical precursors already controlled by ECCN 1C350.

3. Report on the status of the Chemical Weapons Convention implementing legislation.

4. Report on the results of the most recent Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) Western Group meeting.

5. Discussion of the BWC implementation protocol, including "triggers".

6. Update on deemed export controls.

7. Presentations of papers and comments by the public.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, 14th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For more information contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 13-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 24—Pittston, Pennsylvania; Application for Subzone Sandvik Saws and Tools, Inc., Throop, Pennsylvania

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Eastern Distribution Center, Inc., grantee of FTZ 24, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the warehousing and distribution facility of Sandvik Saws and Tools, Inc. (Sandvik), located in Throop, Pennsylvania. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 25, 1999.

The Sandvik facility (40,500 sq. ft.) is located at 15 Burt Collins Drive in

Throop (Lackawanna County), Pennsylvania. The facility (85 employees) is used for the storage and distribution of imported saws and tools (primarily HTS 8201, 8202, 8203, 8204 and 8211, duty rate ranges from duty-free to 9%). The products are distributed throughout the U.S. and Central America.

Zone procedures would exempt Sandvik from Customs duty payments on products that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 7, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 21, 1999).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, One Montage Mountain Rd., Suite B, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18507.

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-428-602]

Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Brass Sheet and Strip From Germany

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

SUMMARY: In response to a request by the petitioners and the respondent, Wieland-Werke AG, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany. This review covers one manufacturer and exporter of the subject merchandise, Wieland-Werke AG. The period of review is March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998.

For the reasons provided in the *Facts Available* section of this notice, we have preliminarily determined Wieland-Werke AG's antidumping rate based on adverse facts available, assigning to this company the highest margin applied to a respondent during any segment of this proceeding. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on that margin.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magd Zalok or Kris Campbell, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4162 or (202) 482-3813, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations provided in 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

Background

The Department published the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany on March 6, 1987. *See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order; Brass Sheet and Strip From the Federal Republic of Germany*, 52 FR 6997 (March 6, 1987). On March 11, 1998, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an