

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Proposed Information Collection;  
Comment Request; Challenge and  
Prize Competition Solicitations  
Generic Clearance**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary,  
Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Commerce, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; the accuracy of the estimated burden; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the Information Collection Clearance staff at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov), or mailed to the PRA Clearance Office at 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230, Room 6616.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Project:* Descriptive information of solutions provided to the Federal government in response to Challenge and Competition solicitations posted on [Challenge.gov](http://Challenge.gov).—*OMB Control Number:* 0690–XXXX (New collection), Office of the Secretary.

*Abstract:* This request, pursuant to the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, is to seek generic clearance for the collection of routine information requested of responders to solicitations the Federal government makes during the issuance of challenges and competitions posted on the General Service Administration (GSA)'s [Challenge.gov](http://Challenge.gov) Web site. Since passage of the America COMPETES Act of 2011.

In order for DOC to quickly and effectively launch competitions on a continual basis, DOC seeks generic clearance to collect information for these challenges and competitions, which will generally include first name, last name, email, city, state and when applicable other demographic information. It can also include other information necessary to evaluate submissions and understand their impact related to the general goals of the competition. Upon entry or during the judging process, applicants under the age of 18 may be asked to confirm parental consent, requiring students under 18 to have a parent signature in writing on a parental consent form provided by the Department in order to qualify for the contest. For certain challenges we may also need to collect data such as types of data sets used in the solution, types of software tools used in the solution, and information regarding uses of proprietary software (*i.e.*, licenses or use agreements). Information obtained from participants will be used by the program managers (challenge manager), other agency officials (such as general counsel representatives) and in some cases the technical reviewers acting on behalf of the program manager (challenge manager).

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* In 2011, Federal agencies including DOC were given prize authority for administering challenges and competitions. Section 105(a) of the America Competes Act, adds Section 24 to the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*) that addresses provisions for challenges and competitions with prizes conducted by Federal agencies. Challenges and competitions enable DOC to tap into the expertise and creativity of the public in new ways. DOC has sponsored challenges and competitions in a wide variety of areas to increase public participation and solicit new ideas on a wide array of topics important to the agencies mission. DOC's goal is to engage a broader number of stakeholders who are inspired to work on some of our most pressing issues.

The information collected will be used to understand whether the participant has met the technical requirements for the challenge, assist in the technical review and judging of the solutions that are provided, and understand the impact and consequences of administering the competition and developing solutions for submission. Information may be collected during the competition or after its completion. The submissions are

evaluated by the submitting agency and typically prizes (monetary and non-monetary) are awarded to the winning entries.

This clearance applies to challenges posted on [Challenge.gov](http://Challenge.gov), which uses a common platform for the solicitation of challenges from the public. Each agency designs the criteria for its solicitations based on the goals of the challenge and the specific needs of the agency. There is no standard submission format for solution providers to follow.

We anticipate that approximately 250 challenges would be issued each year by DOC. It is expected that other federal agencies will issue a similar number of challenges. There is no set schedule for the issuance of challenges; they are developed and issued on an "as needs" basis in response to issues the federal agency wishes to solve. The respondents to the challenges, who are participating voluntarily, are unlikely to reply to more than one or several of the challenges.

Although in previous memoranda the GSA and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) described circumstances whereby OMB approval of a PRA request is not needed, program officials at DOC have identified several sets of information that will typically need to be requested of solution providers to enable the solutions to be adequately evaluated by the federal agency issuing the challenge. These requests for additional information have been suggested to require a PRA review as they represent structured data requests.

There are three types of additional data that will be routinely requested by the federal agencies. These include the following:

*Title and/or Subject of the submission.* Due to the nature of the submission and evaluation processes, it is important that a title and/or subject be requested and submitted for each submission in order to ensure the solution is correctly identified with its provider.

*Identification of data resources.* In many cases, the solution to a problem will require the solution provider to use data resources. Often, the nature of the data sets will be derived from Federal data resources, such as [data.gov](http://data.gov). Evaluations of solutions will often depend on the understanding of the selection of the data resource(s) used in the solution.

*Description of methodology.* For effective judging and evaluation, a description of the development methods for the solution to the challenge will be requested. For instance, a prize may be awarded to the solution of a challenge to develop an algorithm that enables

reliable prediction of a certain event. A responder could submit the correct algorithm, but without the methodology,

the evaluation process could not be adequately performed.

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Individuals or Households .....	500	1	10/60	83.3
Organizations .....	500	1	10/60	83.3
Businesses .....	500	1	10/60	83.3
State, territory, tribal or local governments .....	30	1	10/60	5
Federal government .....	30	1	10/60	5
Total .....	1,560	.....	.....	255

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.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-66-2016]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 44H—East Hanover, New Jersey; Authorization of Production Activity; Givaudan Flavors Corporation (Flavor Products); East Hanover, New Jersey**

On September 20, 2016, Givaudan Flavors Corporation submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for its facility within Subzone 44H in East Hanover, New Jersey.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (81 FR 69782, October 7, 2016). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

**Elizabeth Whiteman,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## International Trade Administration

[A-570-038]

**Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value, and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that imports of certain amorphous silica fabric (silica fabric) from the People's Republic of China (the PRC) are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV). In addition, we determine that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the subject merchandise. The period of investigation (POI) is July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The final dumping margins for this investigation are listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Effective January 25, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Hoefke or Fred Baker, AD/CVD Operations, Office VI, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4947 or (202) 482-2924, respectively.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Background

The Department published the *Preliminary Determination* in the LTFV

investigation of silica fabric from the PRC on September 1, 2016.<sup>1</sup>

A summary of the events that occurred since the Department published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>2</sup> The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document, and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>.

## Scope of the Investigation

The product covered by this investigation is woven industrial grade amorphous silica fabric from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see the "Scope of the Investigation," in Appendix I. Since the *Preliminary Determination*, no party commented on the scope of the

<sup>1</sup> See *Antidumping Duty Investigation of Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From the People's Republic of China: Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair Value, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, and Postponement of Final Determination*, 81 FR 60341 (September 1, 2016) (*Preliminary Determination*).

<sup>2</sup> See Memorandum from Gary Taverman, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Antidumping Duty Investigation of Amorphous Silica Fabric from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Determination of Sales at Less-Than-Fair-Value" (Issues and Decision Memorandum), dated concurrently with this determination and hereby adopted by this notice.