

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Industry and Security****Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; Delivery
Verification Procedure for Imports**

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Mark Grace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, 1401 Constitution Avenue, Suite 2099B, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Foreign governments, on occasions, require U.S. importers of strategic commodities to furnish their foreign supplier with a U.S. Delivery Verification Certificate validating that the commodities shipped to the U.S. were in fact received. This procedure increases the effectiveness of controls on the international trade of strategic commodities.

II. Method of Collection

Submitted electronically or on paper.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694-0016.

Form Number(s): BIS-647P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 56 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Pub. L. 95-223 Sec. 203. International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On April 30, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on ceramic tile from the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than July 5, 2019.²

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) The petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On June 7, 2019, the petitioner, the Coalition for Fair Trade in Ceramic Tile, submitted a timely request that we postpone the preliminary CVD determination because Commerce is still in the respondent selection phase of this investigation, and because this case may present certain complicated issues. The petitioner states that additional time is necessary to ensure that Commerce can conduct a full investigation regarding the subsidy benefits received by Chinese producers and exporters of ceramic tile.³

¹ See *Ceramic Tile from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 84 FR 20101 (May 8, 2019).

² The preliminary determination deadline falls on July 4, 2019. Commerce's practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

³ See Letter from the petitioner, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of Ceramic Tile from the People's Republic of China: Petitioner's Request for

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