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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issues for New Privately-Owned Housing Units (Building Permits Survey)

**AGENCY:** Census Bureau, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed extension of the Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issues for New Privately-Owned Housing Units (Building Permits Survey), prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 6, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to [Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov](mailto:Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov). Please reference the Building Permits Survey in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC-2021-0013, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Aidan Smith, Construction Indicator Programs, Economic Indicators Division, U.S. Census Bureau, 301-763-2972, [aidan.d.smith@census.gov](mailto:aidan.d.smith@census.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of Form C-404, "Report of Building or Zoning Permits Issued for New Privately-Owned Housing Units", otherwise known as the Building Permits Survey. The Census Bureau uses this survey to produce statistics to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. For New Residential Construction (which includes Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits, Housing Starts, and Housing Completions), form C-404 is used to collect the estimate for Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits. For New Residential Construction and Sales, the number of housing units authorized by building permits is a key component utilized in the estimation of housing units started, completed, and sold.

These statistics help state and local governments, the Federal Government, and private industry, analyze the housing and construction industry sector of the economy. Building permits for new private housing units also are a component of The Conference Board's Leading Economic Index.

The Census Bureau uses Form C-404 to collect information on changes to the geographic coverage of permit-issuing places, the number and valuation of new residential housing units authorized by building permits, and additional information on residential permits valued at \$2 million or more, including, but not limited to, site address and type of building. The Census Bureau uses these data to estimate the number of housing units started, the number of housing units completed, the number of single-family houses sold, and to select samples for the Census Bureau's demographic surveys. The Building Permits Survey is

the only source of statistics on residential construction for states and smaller geographic areas. The Census Bureau uses the detailed geographic data collected from state and local officials on new residential construction authorized by building permits in the development of annual population estimates that are used by government agencies to allocate funding and other resources to local areas. Policymakers, planners, businesses, and others also use the detailed geographic data to monitor growth, plan for local services, and to develop production and marketing plans.

##### II. Method of Collection

Respondents may submit their data via internet or a mailed or faxed form. Some respondents choose to report over the phone or to send proprietary files containing permit information in lieu of returning the form.

The survey universe is comprised of approximately 19,998 local governments that issue building permits. Due to resource availability and the time required to complete the data review and analysis, the Census Bureau collects data from a selection of permit-issuing jurisdictions monthly, and the remainder of the jurisdictions annually. We collect this information monthly for about 8,385 permit-issuing jurisdictions who respond via internet or who mail or fax the provided form. Another 228 jurisdictions have established reporting arrangements that allow them to submit their responses monthly via proprietary electronic files or mailed printouts using their own file format. We collect this information annually for about 10,509 permit-issuing jurisdictions who respond via internet or who mail or fax the provided form. Another 878 jurisdictions chose to submit their responses to the annual survey via telephone, proprietary electronic files or mailed printouts using their own file format.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0094.  
*Form Number(s):* C-404.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Affected Public:* State and Local governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 19,998.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 8 minutes for monthly respondents who report via internet, mail or faxing the form, 23 minutes for annual respondents who report via internet, mail or faxing the form and 3 minutes

for monthly and annual respondents who report by telephone or send electronic files or printouts.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17,625.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 131 and 182.

#### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-580-889]

#### Diocetyl Terephthalate From the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2019-2020

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that LG Chem, Ltd. (LG Chem) made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value during the August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020 period of review (POR). Commerce preliminarily determines that Aekyung Petrochemical Co., Ltd. (AKP) had no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results of review.

**DATES:** Applicable May 7, 2021.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel LaCivita or Patrick Barton, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4243 or (202) 482-0012, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On October 6, 2020, based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), Commerce initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on diocetyl terephthalate (DOTP) from the Republic of Korea (Korea), covering two companies: AKP and LG Chem.<sup>1</sup> On January 22, 2021, LG Chem informed Commerce that it would not be participating in the review.<sup>2</sup>

For a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup> The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document that is on file

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 85 FR 63081 (October 6, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> See LG Chem's Letter, "LG Chem's Decision to Stop Participating in AD Review," dated January 22, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the 2019-2020 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Diocetyl Terephthalate from the Republic of Korea," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice.

#### Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is DOTP, regardless of form. DOTP that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the DOTP component of the mixture is covered by the scope of this order. Subject merchandise is currently classified under subheading 2917.39.2000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 2917.39.7000 or 3812.20.1000 of the HTSUS. While the HTSUS classifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive. See the Preliminary Decision Memorandum for a full description of the scope of the order.

#### Preliminary Determination of No Shipments

On November 5, 2020, AKP submitted a letter certifying that it had no exports, sales or entries of subject merchandise into the United States during the POR.<sup>4</sup> U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) provided no information to contradict these claims of no shipments during the POR.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, we preliminarily determine that AKP had no shipments during the POR. Consistent with Commerce's practice, we will not rescind the review with respect to AKP, but rather will complete the review and issue appropriate liquidation instructions to CBP based on the final results.<sup>6</sup> For further discussion,

<sup>4</sup> See AKP's Letter, "Administrative Review of the Antidumping Order on Diocetyl Terephthalate from Korea for the 2019-20 Review Period—No Shipments Letter," dated November 5, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Diocetyl terephthalate from the Republic of Korea (A-580-889)," dated January 5, 2021.

<sup>6</sup> See, e.g., *Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Thailand; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, Partial Rescission of Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2012-2013*, 79 FR 15951, 15952 (March 24, 2014), unchanged in *Certain Frozen Warmwater*

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