

not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue a CVD order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section.

#### Administrative Protective Order

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: January 21, 2025.

**Abdelali Elouaradia,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is certain paper plates. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be cut from rolls, sheets, or other pieces of paper and/or paper board. Paper plates subject to this investigation have a depth up to and including two (2.0) inches, as measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or the edge if the plate has no lip. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be uncolored, white, colored, or printed. Printed paper plates subject to this investigation may have any type of surface finish, and may be printed by any means with images, text and/or colors on one or both surfaces. Colored paper plates subject to this investigation may be colored by any method, including but not limited to printing, beater-dyeing, and dip-dyeing. Paper plates subject to this investigation may be produced from paper of

any type (including, but not limited to, bamboo, straws, bagasse, hemp, kenaf, jute, sisal, abaca, cotton inters and reeds, or from non-plant sources, such as synthetic resin (petroleum)-based resins), may have any caliper or basis weight, may have any shape or size, may have one or more than one section, may be embossed, may have foil or other substances adhered to their surface, and/or may be uncoated or coated with any type of coating.

The paper plates subject to this investigation remain covered by the scope of this investigation whether imported alone, or in any combination of subject and non-subject merchandise. When paper plates subject to this investigation are imported in combination with non-subject merchandise, only the paper plates subject to this investigation are subject merchandise.

The paper plates subject to this investigation include paper plates matching the above description that have been finished, packaged, or otherwise processed in a third country by performing finishing, packaging, or processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates. Examples of finishing, packaging, or other processing in a third country that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the paper plates include, but are not limited to, printing, application of other surface treatments such as coatings, repackaging, embossing, and application of foil surface treatments.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper plates molded or pressed directly from paper pulp (including but not limited to unfelted pulp), which are currently classifiable under subheading 4823.70.0020 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are articles that otherwise would be covered but which exhibit the following two physical characteristics: (a) depth (measured vertically from the base to the top of the lip, or edge if no lip) equal to or greater than 1.25 inches but less than two (2.0) inches, and (b) a base not exceeding five (5.0) inches in diameter if round, or not exceeding 20 square inches in area if any other shape.

Also excluded from the scope of this investigation are paper bowls, paper buckets, and paper food containers with closeable lids.

Paper plates subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under HTSUS subheading 4823.69.0040. Paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheading 4823.61.0040. If packaged with other articles, the paper plates subject to this investigation also may be classified under HTSUS subheadings 9505.90.4000 and 9505.90.6000. While the HTSUS subheading(s) are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

#### Appendix II—List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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  - Comment 3: Countervailability of the Provision of Electricity for Less Than Adequate Remuneration (LTAR)
  - Comment 4: Appropriate Electricity Benchmark
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  - Comment 7: Whether Commerce Should Modify its Adverse Facts Available (AFA) Rate Selection Methodology
  - Comment 8: Whether Commerce Should Apply AFA Regarding the Export Buyer's Credits Program (EBCP)
  - Comment 9: Whether To Apply AFA to the Provision of Land-Use Rights for LTAR
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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Institute of Standards and Technology

##### Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2024 during a 60-day comment

period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Information Collection System.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–0003.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular, extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 630.

*Average Hours per Response:* 3 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 1,890.

*Needs and Uses:* This information is collected from all testing and calibration laboratories that apply for National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) accreditation. It is used by NVLAP to assess laboratory conformance with applicable criteria as defined in 15 CFR part 285, Section 285.14. The information provides a service to customers in business and industry, including regulatory agencies and purchasing authorities that are seeking competent laboratories to perform testing and calibration services. An accredited laboratory's contact information and scope of accreditation are provided on NVLAP's website (<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and Federal, State or local government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Participant Letter(s) of Interest (LoI)

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Participant Letter(s) of Interest (LoI).

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–0075.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular, extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours per response.

*Burden Hours:* 240 Hours.

*Needs and Uses:* New collaborative projects to address specific cybersecurity challenges. Technology providers having an interest in participating in an announced project are invited to submit Letters of Interest (LoI) in participation. NIST provides a LoI template to technology providers that express a desire to participate in a project.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Frequency:* Once per announcement.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be

submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0075.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Analysis of Exoskeleton-Use for Enhancing Human Performance Data Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

*Title:* Analysis of Exoskeleton-Use for Enhancing Human Performance Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–0083.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular, extension of current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 240.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 40 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* NIST's Engineering Laboratory is developing methods to evaluate performance of exoskeletons in two key areas (1) The fit and motion of the exoskeleton device with respect to