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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Foreign Travel Proposal

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection, Foreign Travel Proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 29, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, International Programs, Travel Section, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20050.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 540-659-4670 or by e-mail to: sfarber@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at 1099 14th St., NW., Room 5500W, Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 202-273-4695 to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Farber, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, International Programs, Travel Section, 540-659-2973. Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Foreign Travel Proposal.

OMB Number: 0596-New.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: The Forest Service is seeking approval to collect information from individuals traveling to foreign countries on behalf of the Agency. The

collection of this information is necessary to facilitate timely issuance of foreign travel authorizations, including the release, issuance, and/or renewal of official United States government passports; issuance of necessary visas; and country clearance. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, International Programs Travel Section uses FS-6500-1, Foreign Travel Proposal, to collect the information.

Information collected includes the traveler's destination, purpose of trip, and dates of travel. Also collected are name, address, contact telephone numbers, birth date and place, social security numbers, passport information, security clearance, as well as contacts at each destination and hotel information. Analysis of the information for accuracy is routine.

Use of the information provided by the traveler or their designee depends upon circumstances. Name, place of birth, and passport goes to each destination's United States embassy via a country clearance cable and is necessary to obtain the embassy's approval of travel. Security clearance is necessary to allow the traveler entry to specific areas within United States embassies abroad. The embassies use the destination information for contact purposes, and it is for the safety of the traveler.

Without collection of this information, the Forest Service cannot provide support to international programs or other countries who have requested assistance. Collection of this information occurs each time a non-federal traveler requests approval for foreign travel on behalf of the Forest Service. The International Programs Travel Section does maintain files beyond the end of each trip. Shredding of records containing the collected information occurs upon the completion of the associated trip.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 15 minutes.

Type of Respondents: Personal services agreement employees, personal services contractors, contractors, and volunteers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6.25 hours.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is

necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: December 17, 2007.

Abigail R. Kimbell,
Chief, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2008; Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2008; Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2008

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107(b) and 4280.126(c), Rural Development (the Agency) has the authority to charge an annual renewal fee for loans made under the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program and the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvements (9006) Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, the Agency is establishing the renewal fee rate at one-fourth of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program and one-fourth of 1 percent for the 9006 Guaranteed Loan Program. These rates will apply to all loans obligated in fiscal year (FY) 2008 that are made under the

cited programs. As established in 7 CFR 4279.107 and 4280.126, the amount of the fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the fee rate by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percent of guarantee.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4280.126(a), each fiscal year the Agency shall establish the initial guarantee fee rate for loans made under the 9006 Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, the Agency is establishing the initial guarantee fee rate at 1 percent for loans made in FY 2008.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107(a) and 4279.119(b)(4), each fiscal year the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of B&I guarantee authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a B&I guarantee fee of 1 percent or guaranteed loans with a guarantee percentage exceeding 80 percent.

Allowing the guarantee fee to be reduced to 1 percent or exceeding the 80 percent guarantee on certain B&I guaranteed loans that meet the conditions set forth in 7 CFR 4279.107 and 4279.119 will increase the Agency's ability to focus guarantee assistance on projects which the Agency has found particularly meritorious. For 1 percent fees, the borrower's business supports value-added agriculture and results in farmers benefiting financially, or such projects are high impact as defined in 7 CFR 4279.155(b)(5) and located in rural communities that remain persistently poor, which experience long-term population decline and job deterioration, are experiencing trauma as a result of natural disaster, or are experiencing fundamental structural changes in its economic base. For guaranteed loans exceeding 80 percent, such projects must be a high-priority project in accordance with 7 CFR 4279.155.

Not more than 12 percent of the Agency's quarterly apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for loan requests with a guarantee fee of 1 percent, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency's quarterly apportioned guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with a guaranteed percentage exceeding 80 percent. Once the respective quarterly limits are reached, all additional loans for that quarter will be at the standard fee and guarantee limits in 7 CFR part 4279. As an exception to this paragraph and for the purposes of this notice, loans developed by the North American Development Bank (NADBank) Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP) will not count against the 15 percent limit. Up to 50 percent

of CAIP loans may have a guaranteed percentage exceeding 80 percent. The funding authority for CAIP loans is not derived carryover or recovered funding authority of the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Kieferle, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Business and Industry Division, Stop 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202) 720-7818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 as amended by Executive Order 13258.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

Ben Anderson,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-820]

Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to requests from petitioners¹ and respondents,² the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India (hot-rolled carbon steel). This review covers four manufacturers and exporters (respondents) of the subject merchandise: Ispat, Tata, JSW, and Essar. The Department has preliminarily determined that during the period of review (POR), JSW made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV). The Department has also preliminarily determined that no dumping margin or a *de minimis* dumping margin exists for Ispat, Tata and Essar during the POR. If these

¹ The petitioners are Nucor Corporation (Nucor), Mittal Steel U.S.A. Inc., and United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel) (collectively, petitioners).

² Respondents are Ispat Industries Limited (Ispat), Essar Steel Limited (Essar), JSW Steel Limited (JSW), and Tata Steel Limited (Tata) (collectively, respondents).

preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this administrative review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise during the POR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Hargett (Ispat), Joy Zhang (Tata), Stephanie Moore (JSW) or Victoria Cho (Essar), AD/CVD Operations Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4161, (202) 482-1168, (202) 482-3692, and (202) 482-5075, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 3, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel. *See Notice of Amended Final Antidumping Duty Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India*, 66 FR 60194 (December 3, 2001) (*Amended Final Determination*). On December 1, 2006, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 71 FR 69543 (December 1, 2006).

Petitioners requested a review of Essar, Ispat, Tata, Essar, and JSW self-requested a review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel. On February 2, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel, covering the period December 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 72 FR 5005 (February 2, 2007).

On February 21, 2007, the Department issued an antidumping questionnaire to Ispat, Tata, JSW, and Essar. The Department received responses to the original questionnaires from Ispat, Tata, JSW, and Essar. The Department subsequently issued supplemental questionnaires to all parties and received responses to the same.

On August 30, 2007, the Department published a notice extending the time