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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of USDA's Biological Control Documentation Program dealing with documenting the importation and release of foreign biological control agents.

DATES: Comments of this notice must be received by February 23, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Jack R. Coulson, Director, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, Insect Biocontrol Laboratory, Plant Sciences Institute, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center—West, ARS, USDA, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2330, (301) 504-6350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: USDA Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms: Foreign/Overseas Source (AD-941); Quarantine Facility (AD-942); and Non-Quarantine (AD-943).

OMB Number: 0518-0013.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the Biological Control Documentation Program is to record the importation (AD-941), release from quarantine (AD-

942), and shipment and/or field release/recolonization (AD-942 and AD-943) of foreign/introduced beneficial organisms (biological control agents and pollinators). The information collected is entered into the USDA "Releases of Beneficial Organisms in the United States and Territories" (ROBO) database, established in 1984. It is a cooperative program among USDA and other federal agencies, state governmental agencies, and U.S. universities. The use of the forms and the information provided is voluntary. The program is for the benefit of biological control research and action agency personnel, taxonomists, federal and state regulatory agencies, agricultural administrators, and the general public. Efforts are underway to replace the paper forms with computerized information collection, and when completed, the forms would be used by those units for which computerized input is not possible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1/12 hour per response.

Non-Federal Respondents: Non-profit institutions, universities, and state and local governments.

Estimated Number of Non-Federal Respondents: 100.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: An average of 3 (range 1-60).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25 hours.

Copies of the 3 forms used in this information collection can be obtained from Jack R. Coulson, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, at (301) 504-6350.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to:

Jack R. Coulson, Director, ARS Biological Control Documentation Center, Insect Biocontrol Laboratory, Plant Sciences Institute, ARS, USDA, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center—West, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2350.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Beltsville, MD, December 1, 1995.

Richard S. Soper,

Assistant Administrator, Office of International Research Programs, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

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National Genetic Resources Advisory Council

According to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (P.L. 92-463), the Agricultural Research Service announces the following meeting:

Name: National Genetic Resources Advisory Council.

Date: February 14-15, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., February 14, 1996; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., February 15, 1996.

Place: USDA, South Building, Room 3109, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public.

Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person below.

Purpose: To advance the development of the National Genetic Resources Program.

Contact Person: Henry L. Shands, Director, National Genetic Resources Program, Building 005, Room 115, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Telephone: 301-504-5059.

Done at Beltsville, Maryland, this 11 day of December 1995.

Henry L. Shands,

Director, National Genetic Resources Program.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY**The President's Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings**

December 7, 1995.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency announces the following Presidential Committee meetings:

Name: Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC).

Dates: January 3 & 4, 1996; February 14, 15, & 16, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: State Department Building, 320 21st Street, NW., Room 4930, Washington, DC.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee, Room 5844, Washington, DC 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory Committee: To advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meetings: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy and issues regarding negotiations such as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Conventional Weapons Convention. Members will also be briefed on issues regarding the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA personnel. Both of the meetings will be held in Executive Session.

Reason for Closing: The SPAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Authority To Close Meetings: The closing of the meetings is in accordance with a determination by the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency dated December 7, 1995, made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

Cathleen Lawrence,
Director of Administration.

Determination To Close Meetings of the Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee

December 7, 1995.

The Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) will hold meetings in Washington, DC on January 3 and 4 as well as February 14, 15 and 16. The Arms Control and Disarmament Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. sec. 2566) provides for the SPAC to advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of

the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

The entire agenda of these meetings will be devoted to specific national security policy and arms control issues. In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), it has been determined that discussions during the meetings will necessarily involve consideration of matters recognized as not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. sec. 552b(c)(1). Materials to be discussed at the meetings have been properly classified and are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interests of national defense and foreign policy.

Therefore, in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), I have determined that, because of the need to protect the confidentiality of such national security matters, the meetings should be closed to the public. John D. Holum.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 791]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status; Mobil Corporation (Oil Refinery), St. Bernard/Jefferson/St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the

Port of New Orleans, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 2, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the oil refinery complex of Mobil Corporation at sites in St. Bernard/Jefferson/St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana (New Orleans area), was filed by the Board on June 8, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 30-95, 60 FR 31703, 6-16-95); and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations would be satisfied, and that approval of the application would be in the public interest if approval is subject to the conditions listed below;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 2H) at the Mobil Corporation oil refinery complex, in St. Bernard/Jefferson/St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, at the locations described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the following conditions:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.

2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR 146.42) may be elected on refinery inputs covered under HTSUS Subheadings #2709.00.1000-#2710.00.1050 and #2710.00.2500 which are used in the production of:

- petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (examiners report, Appendix D);
- products for export; and,
- products eligible for entry under HTSUS #9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

3. The authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until September 30, 2000, subject to extension.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of December 1995.

Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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