

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dawnielle Battle, Department of Commerce, Room 6881, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC was signed by the United States on January 13, 1993, and ratified by the U.S. Senate on April 24, 1997. The CWC prohibits, *inter alia*, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons.

The proposed new information collection by BXA will attempt to survey, by telephone, private companies either known to be or are suspected to be engaged in activities involving Schedule 2 chemicals. The survey will help BXA identify and determine which U.S. commercial facilities have a Schedule 2 reporting requirement and will thereby assist the U.S. Government in its efforts to be fully compliant with CWC reporting obligations.

II. Method of Collection

Telephone survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-new.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Submission for new collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review

SUMMARY: On February 9, 1999, Stelco, Inc. filed two First Requests for Panel Review with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel reviews were requested of the final determination involving Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Canada and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada. The determination affecting both products was published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 2173). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-99-1904-01 to the panel request involving Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Canada and USA-CDA-99-1904-02 to the panel request involving Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Canada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent

binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

Two first Requests for Panel Review were filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on February 9, 1999, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) a Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is March 11, 1999);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is March 26, 1999); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program Evaluation Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.