animals imported for immediate slaughter (VS Form 17–33); Certification statement for ruminants. Failure to collect this information would make it impossible for APHIS to effectively prevent BSE-contaminated animal products from entering the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 5,949.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 70,324.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Funding for the Guaranteed Loan Interest Assistance Program; Farm Loan Programs

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is no longer accepting applications for guaranteed loans with interest assistance because of a lack of program funding.

DATES: Effective Date: November 22, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Randi Shecker, (202) 720–3889. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–419, CONACT), as amended, authorizes FSA’s Guaranteed Loan Program. The program provides lenders with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of principal and interest on the loan. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who would be unable to obtain sufficient credit to fund their farming operations without the guarantee. Pursuant to section 351 of the CONACT (7 U.S.C. 1999) FSA also subsidizes 4 percent of the interest rate on guaranteed loans to qualifying borrowers under its Interest Assistance Program. Interest assistance is subject to additional eligibility criteria beyond that required for the initial guarantee.

The regulations implementing FSA’s Guaranteed Loan Program and IA can be found in 7 CFR part 762.

This notice announces that FSA is no longer accepting applications under the Interest Assistance Program due to a lack of funding. However, guaranteed loans will still be available without interest assistance.

This notice does not invalidate existing interest assistance agreements. Existing agreements will be honored, claims will be paid as agreed, and all eligible servicing options can be pursued. For further information on specific applications and loans, current guaranteed loan borrowers should contact their FSA State or county office; potential guaranteed loan applicants should contact their lender. FSA office locations can be found at http://www.fsa.usda.gov. A notice will be published in the Federal Register announcing the date FSA will resume accepting applications for the Interest Assistance Program if funding becomes available.

Signed on November 17, 2011.
Bruce Nelson,
Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC). The Committee will advise the Directors of the Economics and Statistics Administration’s (ESA) two statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Census Bureau, and the Commissioner of the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the collection, tabulation, and analysis of federal economic statistics. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, and Section10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Designated Federal Official named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, December 5, 2011. You may access the online registration form with the following link: http://www.regonline.com/fesac_dec2011_meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Designated Federal Official as soon as possible. You may also submit their comments and questions in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Designated Federal Official named above.

Dated: November 15, 2011.
Robert M. Groves,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet December 7, 2011, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration
[A–570–916;C–570–917]

Laminated Woven Sacks From the People’s Republic of China: Negative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

Preliminary Determination

The Department of Commerce (“the Department”) preliminarily determines that the laminated woven sacks subject to this inquiry are not circumventing the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on laminated woven sacks from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”), as provided in section 781(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”).

DATES:

Effective Date: November 22, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jamie Blair-Walker, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone (202) 482–2615.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 26, 2011, pursuant to sections 781(c) and (d) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.225(i) and (j), Petitioners submitted requests for the Department to initiate and conduct both a minor alterations inquiry and a later-developed merchandise anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether laminated woven sacks printed with two colors in register and with the use of a screening process are circumventing the Orders. On March 25, 2011, Petitioners withdrew their request for the Department to initiate a minor alterations anti-circumvention inquiry pursuant to 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(i). On April 28, 2011, the Department initiated a later-developed merchandise anti-circumvention inquiry.

On May 3, July 18, and September 2, 2011, the Department issued various questionnaires to interested parties. On July 15, 2011, the Department held a meeting with Petitioners to discuss the anti-circumvention inquiry.

Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the orders is laminated woven sacks.

Laminated woven sacks are bags or sacks consisting of one or more plies of fabric consisting of woven polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip, regardless of the width of the strip; with or without an extrusion coating of polypropylene and/or polyethylene on one or both sides of the fabric; laminated by any method either to an exterior ply of plastic film such as biaxially-oriented polypropylene (“BOPP”) or to an exterior ply of paper that is suitable for high quality print graphics; printed with three colors or more in register; with or without lining; whether or not closed on one end; whether or not in roll form (including sheets, lay-flat tubing, and sleeves); with or without handles; with or without special closing features; not exceeding one kilogram in weight. Laminated woven sacks are typically used for retail packaging of consumer goods such as pet foods and bird seed.

Effective July 1, 2007, laminated woven sacks are classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) subheadings 6305.33.0050 and 6305.33.0080. Laminated woven sacks were previously classifiable under HTSUS subheading 6305.33.0020. If entered with plastic coating on both sides of the fabric consisting of woven polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip, laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under HTSUS subheadings 3923.21.0080, 3923.21.0095, and 3923.29.0000. If entered not closed on one end or in roll form (including sheets, lay-flat tubing, and sleeves), laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under other HTSUS subheadings including 3917.39.0050, 3921.90.1100, 3921.90.1500, and 5903.90.2500. If the polypropylene strips and/or polyethylene strips making up the fabric measure more than 5 millimeters in width, laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under other HTSUS subheadings including 4601.99.0500, 4601.99.9000, and 4602.90.0000. Although HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

Scope of the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry

The merchandise subject to the anti-circumvention inquiry is laminated woven sacks.


See Petitioners’ Partial Withdrawal of Request For Determination of Circumvention (Printed Ink Colors) dated March 25, 2011.


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See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Laminated Woven Sacks From the People’s Republic of China, 73 FR 45941 (August 7, 2008); see also Laminated Woven Sacks From the People’s Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order, 73 FR 45953 (August 7, 2008).