

liquidation of subject merchandise entries, as described in Appendix I of this notice, which are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 3, 2024, the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the *Preliminary Determination*.

Pursuant to section 735(c)(1)(B)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(d), Commerce will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit equal to the amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price as follows: (1) the cash deposit rate for the exporter/producer combination listed in the table above will be the rate identified in the table; (2) for all combinations of Portuguese exporters/producers of subject merchandise that have not received their own cash deposit rate above, the cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate; and (3) for all non-Portuguese exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own cash deposit rate above, the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate applicable to the Portuguese exporter/producer combination that supplied that non-Portuguese exporter. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

U.S. International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we will notify the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) of our final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV. Because the final determination in this proceeding is affirmative, in accordance with section 735(b)(2) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of paper bags from Portugal no later than 45 days after this final determination. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded or canceled, and suspension of liquidation will be lifted. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue an antidumping duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice will serve as the final reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (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 or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination and this notice are issued and published pursuant to sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: May 17, 2024.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigation

The products within the scope of this investigation are paper shopping bags with handles of any type, regardless of whether there is any printing, regardless of how the top edges are finished (e.g., folded, serrated, or otherwise finished), regardless of color, and regardless of whether the top edges contain adhesive or other material for sealing closed. Subject paper shopping bags have a width of at least 4.5 inches and depth of at least 2.5 inches.

Paper shopping bags typically are made of kraft paper but can be made from any type of cellulose fiber, paperboard, or pressboard with a basis weight less than 300 grams per square meter (GSM).

A non-exhaustive illustrative list of the types of handles on shopping bags covered by the scope include handles made from any materials such as twisted paper, flat paper, yarn, ribbon, rope, string, or plastic, as well as die-cut handles (whether the punchout is fully removed or partially attached as a flap).

Excluded from the scope are:

- Paper sacks or bags that are of a 1/6 or 1/7 barrel size (i.e., 11.5–12.5 inches in width, 6.5–7.5 inches in depth, and 13.5–17.5 inches in height) with flat paper handles or die-cut handles;
- Paper sacks or bags with die-cut handles, a grams per square meter paper weight of less than 86 GSM, and a height of less than 11.5 inches; and
- Paper sacks or bags (i) with non-paper handles made wholly of woven ribbon or other similar woven fabric⁷ and (ii) that are finished with folded tops or for which tied knots or t-bar aglets (made of wood, metal,

⁷ Paper sacks or bags with handles made of braided or twisted materials, such as rope or cord, do not qualify for this exclusion.

or plastic) are used to secure the handles to the bags.

The above-referenced dimensions are provided for paper bags in the opened position. The height of the bag is the distance from the bottom fold edge to the top edge (i.e., excluding the height of handles that extend above the top edge). The depth of the bag is the distance from the front of the bag edge to the back of the bag edge (typically measured at the bottom of the bag). The width of the bag is measured from the left to the right edges of the front and back panels (upon which the handles typically are located).

This merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 4819.30.0040 and 4819.40.0040. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances
- IV. Changes Since the *Preliminary Determination*
- V. Discussion of the Issues
 - Comment 1: How To Treat Administrative Fees Paid in the U.S. Market
 - Comment 2: How To Classify “Fixed” Commissions
 - Comment 3: Minor Corrections to Finieco’s Data
 - Comment 4: General and Administrative and Financial Expense Rates Calculation
 - Comment 5: Unreconciled Cost Difference
- VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Domestic Manufacturing Waiver Request Form

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 December 7, 2023 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: Domestic Manufacturing Waiver Form.

OMB Control Number: 0693–XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular, new collection.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Average Hours per Response: 13 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Bayh-Dole Act (35 U.S.C. 18) and its implementing regulations (37 CFR 401) require that Contractors (as defined in the statute and regulations) shall not grant “the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States unless such person agrees that any products embodying the subject invention or produced through the use of the subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States.” However, the law allows an agency to waive this requirement if a Contractor has shown that “reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to grant licenses on similar terms to potential licensees that would be likely to manufacture substantially in the United States or that under the circumstances domestic manufacturing is not commercially feasible.”

Pursuant to Executive Order 14104, NIST was directed to consult with the Interagency Working Group for Bayh-Dole to create a set of common questions to be used by all agencies as an application to apply for waivers of the domestic manufacturing requirement under the Bayh-Dole Act.

This information will be used by agencies to determine whether the statutory criteria for a waiver have been met and to understand the circumstances surrounding the request. The questions allow the Contractor to show the agency what actions they took to attempt to grant licenses to other parties likely to manufacture in the United States and what actions they or their licensee may have taken to attempt to locate manufacturers within the United States. It also allows the agency to ascertain the circumstances surrounding manufacture, including cost, capacity, and other burdens, which may make domestic manufacturing not commercially feasible. The questions allow the agency to understand the location and the circumstances surrounding where the Contractor proposes that manufacturing be done

and whether any sort of domestic manufacturing is anticipated. These and other information collected through these questions will aid agencies when they weigh whether to grant requests to waive the domestic manufacturing requirement.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain benefits.

Legal Authority: The Bayh-Dole Act (35 U.S.C. 18) and its implementing regulations (37 CFR 401).

This information collection request may be viewed at 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is holding a hybrid meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128, Phone: (617) 567–6789.

Webinar Registration information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PkjB46WpTrSQhBETzZ7eZQ.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to receive an update on the development of a revised Risk Policy; provide feedback on the proposed approach and implementation. The Committee will also receive a presentation on the Northeast Fisheries Science Center’s State of the Ecosystem Report (SOE); make any recommendations for improvements and discuss how best to use these reports in management. The SSC will receive an update on climate action planning by the East Coast Climate Coordination Group and Core Team, including their efforts to integrate findings of the SOE report into Action Menu revisions and planning 2025 Council work priorities; comment on how SOE findings can be integrated into climate planning and whether other information/indicators might be useful for this work. They will also present preliminary findings of a recent workshop “Implementing Social Science Methods for Fisheries Decision-Making” and discuss the use of human dimensions information and expertise by the SSC. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for