DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11110]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Repatriation/Emergency Medical and Dietary Assistance Loan Application

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to July 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- Web: Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2020–0019” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- Email: OliphantCE@state.gov.
- Regular Mail: Send written comments to: U.S. Department of State, CA/OCS/MSU, SA–17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522–1710.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Clifton Oliphant at SA–17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522–1710, who may be reached at OliphantCE@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Information Collection: Repatriation/Emergency Medical and Dietary Assistance Loan Application.

OMB Control Number: 1405–0150.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).

Form Number: DS–3072.

Respondents: U.S. Citizens applying for emergency loan assistance.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,459.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,459.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden Time: 486 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The DS–3072 is an application for an emergency loan for a destitute U.S. citizen and/or eligible family member to return to the United States or for a loan for a destitute U.S. citizen and/or eligible family member abroad to receive emergency medical and dietary assistance.

Methodology

The Bureau of Consular Affairs will post this form on Department of State websites to give respondents the opportunity to print the form and fill it out manually and submit the form in person or by fax or mail.

Zachary Parker,
Director.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE


AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of product exclusion amendments.

SUMMARY: Effective August 23, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional duties on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately $16 billion as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China’s acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a product exclusion process. The U.S. Trade Representative initiated the exclusion process in September 2018, and stakeholders have submitted requests for the exclusion of specific products. In July, September, and October 2019, and February 2020, the U.S. Trade Representative issued determinations to grant certain exclusion requests on a rolling basis. This notice announces the U.S. Trade Representative’s determination to make certain technical amendments to previously granted exclusions.

DATES: The technical amendments announced in this notice are retroactive to the date the original exclusions were published and do not further extend the period for the original exclusions. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Director of Industrial Goods Justin Hoffmann at (202) 395–5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
A. Background

For background on the proceedings in this investigation, please see prior notices including: 82 FR 40213 (August 23, 2017), 83 FR 14906 (April 6, 2018), 83 FR 20770 (June 20, 2018), 83 FR 33608 (July 17, 2018), 83 FR 38760 (August 7, 2018), 83 FR 40823 (August 16, 2018), 83 FR 47236 (September 18, 2018), 83 FR 47974 (September 21, 2018), 83 FR 65198 (December 19, 2018), 84 FR 7966 (March 5, 2019), 84 FR 20459 (May 9, 2019), 84 FR 29576 (June 24, 2019), 84 FR 37381 (July 31, 2019), 84 FR 49600 (September 20, 2019), 84 FR 52553 (October 2, 2019), 84 FR 69011 (December 17, 2019), and 85 FR 10808 (February 25, 2020).

Effective August 23, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative imposed additional 25 percent duties on goods of China classified in 279 8-digit subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), with an approximate annual trade value of $16 billion. See 83 FR 40823. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination included a decision to establish a process by which U.S. stakeholders could request exclusion of particular products classified within an 8-digit HTSUS subheading covered by the $16 billion action from the additional duties. The U.S. Trade Representative issued a notice setting out the process for the product exclusions, and opened a public docket. See 83 FR 47236 (the September 18 notice).

Under the September 18 notice, requests for exclusion had to identify the product subject to the request in terms of the physical characteristics that distinguish the product from other products within the relevant 8-digit subheading covered by the $16 billion action. Requestors also had to provide the 10-digit subheading of the HTSUS most applicable to the particular product requested for exclusion, and could submit information on the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer the requested exclusion. Requestors were asked to provide the quantity and value of the Chinese-origin product that the requestor purchased in the last three years. With regard to the rationale for the requested exclusion, requestors had to address the following factors:

• Whether the particular product is available only from China and specifically whether the particular product and/or a comparable product is available from sources in the United States and/or third countries.
• Whether the imposition of additional duties on the particular product would cause severe economic harm to the requestor or other U.S. interests.
• Whether the particular product is strategically important or related to “Made in China 2025” or other Chinese industrial programs.

The September 18 notice stated that the U.S. Trade Representative would take into account whether an exclusion would undermine the objectives of the Section 301 investigation.

The September 18 notice required submission of requests for exclusion from the $16 billion action no later than December 18, 2018, and noted that the U.S. Trade Representative periodically would announce decisions. In July 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative granted an initial set of exclusion requests. See 84 FR 37381. The U.S. Trade Representative granted additional exclusions in September and October 2019, and February 2020. See 84 FR 49600, 84 FR 52553, 85 FR 10808.

B. Technical Amendments to Exclusions

Subparagraph A of the Annex makes four technical amendments to U.S. notes 20(v)(2), 20(v)(8), 20(v)(78), and 20(v)(83) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annexes of the notice published at 84 FR 49600 (September 20, 2019) and 84 FR 52553 (October 2, 2019).

The U.S. Trade Representative will continue to issue determinations on a periodic basis as needed.

Annex

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on August 23, 2018:

1. U.S. note 20(v)(2) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by deleting “valued at $5.40 to $5.60 per kg” and inserting “valued at $4.00 to $7.00 per kg” in lieu thereof.
2. U.S. note 20(v)(8) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by deleting “20 cm or more in length” and inserting “18 cm or more in length” in lieu thereof.
3. U.S. note 20(v)(78) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by deleting “[described in statistical reporting number 8541.10.0080]” and inserting “[described in statistical reporting number 8541.10.0050]” in lieu thereof.
4. U.S. note 20(v)(83) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by deleting “storing downloadable readings” and inserting “storing downloadable readings or storing temperature parameters” in lieu thereof.

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