

Information (EEI) with the U.S. government for the majority of export shipments to Canada, thus resulting in the elimination of over eight million AES records annually. Export shipments to Canada of rough diamonds, used vehicles, or those that require a license must be filed through the AES. In addition, export shipments from the United States through Canada destined to a country other than Canada require an AES record.

In most instances, the USPPPI or authorized agent must file EEI via the AES and annotate the commercial loading documents with the proof of filing citation prior to the export of a shipment. In instances where the AES filing is not required, the proper exemption or exclusion legend must be noted on the commercial loading documents per Section 30.7 of the FTR.

CBP is currently conducting pilots to test the functionality regarding the filing of export manifests for air, rail, and ocean cargo to the ACE. These pilots will further the ITDS initiatives set forth in the SAFE Port Act of 2006 and Executive Order 13659. It is CBP's intent to move export manifesting from the current paper-based system to an electronic system over the next several years. FTR Sections 30.7 and 30.45, require evidence of the proof of filing, post departure filing citation, AES downtime citation, exemption or exclusion legend on the bill of lading, air waybill, or other commercial loading documents. These annotations also appear in the electronic manifest submitted to CBP. Since filers use many variations to annotate commercial loading documents, the Census Bureau, CBP, and the trade community developed guidance to ensure that a standard format is reported in the electronic manifest. This information was published in FTR Letter #10 titled *Annotating the Electronic Manifest for U.S. Customs and Border Protection*.

The AES enables the U.S. government to significantly improve the quality, timeliness, and coverage of export statistics. Since July 1995, the Census Bureau and the CBP have utilized the AES to improve the reporting of export trade information, customer service, increase compliance with and enforcement of export laws, and to provide paperless reports of export information. The AES also enables the U.S. government to increase its ability to prevent the export of certain items by unauthorized parties to unauthorized destinations and end users through electronic filing.

### III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0152.

*Form Number(s)*: Automated Export System (AES) submissions.

*Type of Review*: Regular submission.

*Affected Public*: Exporters,

Forwarding agents, Export Carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 287,314 filers who submit 17,315,950 shipments annually through the AES.

*Estimated Time per Response*: 3 minutes per AES submission.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours*: 865,798.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public*: \$15,688,260.

*Respondent's Obligation*: Mandatory.

*Legal Authority*: Title 13 United States Code, Chapter 9, Section 301.

### 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 Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-32-2018]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 230—Piedmont Triad Area, North Carolina; Authorization of Production Activity; Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corp.; (Forestry Machinery, and Forestry Machinery and Hydraulic Excavator Frames/Booms/Arms); Kernersville, North Carolina**

On May 11, 2018, Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corp. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 230—Sites 30 and 32 in Kernersville, North Carolina.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 24084, May 24, 2018). On September 10, 2018, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: September 10, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-30-2018]

**Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Authorization of Production Activity; Lilly del Caribe; (Pharmaceutical Products); Carolina, Puerto Rico**

On May 14, 2018, Lilly del Caribe submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within Subzone 7K, in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 23254, May 18, 2018). On September 11, 2018, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: September 11, 2018.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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