

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review and comments request.

Form Title: EIB 92-50 Short-Term Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy Applications (ST Multi-Buyer).

SUMMARY: The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) is requesting an emergency approval for form EIB 92-50, Short-Term Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy Applications (ST Multi-Buyer), in order to enhance the identification and classification of small businesses, as well as minority-, woman-, and veteran-owned businesses. The Bank will subsequently proceed with the regular authorization request for this form as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

This collection of information is necessary, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Sec. 635 (a) (1), to determine eligibility of the applicant for Ex-Im Bank assistance.

The Application for Short-Term Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy will be used to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the transaction for Export-Import Bank assistance under its insurance program. Export-Import Bank customers will be able to submit this form on paper or electronically.

The Export-Import Bank has made a change to the report to have the applicant provide their number of employees or annual sales volume. That information is needed to determine whether or not they meet the SBA's definition of a small business. The applicant already provides their name, address and industry code (NAICS). These additional pieces of information will allow Ex-Im Bank to better track the extent to which its support assists U.S. small businesses.

The other change that Ex-Im Bank has made is to require the applicant to indicate whether it is a minority-owned business, women-owned business and/or veteran-owned business. Although answers to the questions are mandatory, the company may choose any one of the three answers: Yes/No/Decline to Answer. The option of "Decline to Answer" allows a company to consciously decline to answer the specific question should they not wish to provide that information.

The application tool can be reviewed at: http://www.exim.gov/pub/pending/eib92-50.pdf

DATES: Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 07 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically on <u>WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV</u> or by mail to Michele Kuester, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20571

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: EIB 92-50 Export-Import Bank of the United States Short-Term Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy Applications (ST Multi-Buyer)

OMB Number: 3048-0023

Type of Review: Emergency

Need and Use: The Application for Short-Term Multi-Buyer Export Credit Insurance Policy will be used to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the transaction for Export-Import Bank assistance under its insurance program

Affected Public: This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

Annual Number of Respondents: 285
Estimated Time per Respondent: 0.5 hours
Annual Burden Hours: 143
Frequency of Reporting of Use: As needed

Government Reviewing Time per Year:

Reviewing time per year: 285 hours
Average Wages per Hour: \$42.50
Average Cost per Year: \$12,113

(time*wages)

Benefits and Overhead: 20%
Total Government Cost: \$15,504

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