

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ACTION: General notice.

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Notice of Cancellation of Customs Broker Licenses

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641) and the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 111.51), the following Customs broker licenses and all associated permits are cancelled without prejudice.

| Name | License No. | Issuing port |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Romeo Chapa | 09928 | Houston. |
| Elite Brokerage Services, Inc | 09912 | Houston. |
| Philip C. Ziskrout, Inc | 13201 | Los Angeles. |
| Murphy International Corporation | 20547 | Los Angeles. |

Dated: March 25, 2009.

Daniel Baldwin,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) has issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of a ground fault circuit interrupter (“GFCI”). Based upon the facts presented, CBP has concluded in the final determination that Mexico is the country of origin of the GFCI for purposes of U.S. government procurement.

DATES: The final determination was issued on March 26, 2009. A copy of the final determination is attached. Any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of this final determination within May 6, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elif Eroglu, Valuation and Special Programs Branch: (202) 325-0277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2009, pursuant to subpart B of part 177, Customs Regulations (19 CFR part 177, subpart B), CBP issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of the GFCI which may be offered

to the U.S. Government under an undesignated government procurement contract. This final determination, in HQ H047362, was issued at the request of Pass & Seymour, Inc. under procedures set forth at 19 CFR part 177, subpart B, which implements Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511-18). In the final determination, CBP has concluded that, based upon the facts presented, the GFCI, assembled in Mexico from parts made in China, is substantially transformed in Mexico, such that Mexico is the country of origin of the finished article for purposes of U.S. government procurement.

Section 177.29, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 177.29), provides that notice of final determinations shall be published in the **Federal Register** within 60 days of the date the final determination is issued. Section 177.30, CBP Regulations (19 CFR 177.30), provides that any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of a final determination within 30 days of publication of such determination in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 26, 2009.

Sandra L. Bell,

Executive Director, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade.

Attachment

March 26, 2009.

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CATEGORY: Marking

Daniel B. Berman, Esq., Hancock & Estabrook, LLP, 1500 AXA Tower I, 100 Madison Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

RE: U.S. Government Procurement; Title III, Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2511); Subpart B, Part 177, CBP Regulations; Country of Origin Marking; Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter.

Dear Mr. Berman: This is in response to your correspondence of November 20, 2008, requesting a final determination on behalf of Pass & Seymour, Inc. (“P&S”), pursuant to

subpart B of part 177, Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) Regulations (19 CFR 177.21 *et seq.*). Under the pertinent regulations, which implement Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*), CBP issues country of origin advisory rulings and final determinations as to whether an article is or would be a product of a designated country or instrumentality for the purpose of granting waivers of certain “Buy American” restrictions in U.S. law or practice for products offered for sale to the U.S. Government.

This final determination concerns the country of origin of a ground fault circuit interrupter (“GFCI”). We note that P&S is a party-at-interest within the meaning of 19 CFR § 177.22(d)(1) and is entitled to request this final determination.

You also request a country of origin marking determination.

FACTS: You describe the pertinent facts as follows. The business of P&S includes the design, manufacture, and distribution of GFCIs in the U.S. for residential and commercial use in electrical circuits of less than 1,000 volts. The GFCIs are electrical components, designed for permanent installation in electrical circuits, which are able to detect small imbalances in the circuit’s current caused by leakages of current to ground. When leakage is detected, the GFCI opens the electrical circuit, stopping the flow of current. Legrand, the parent company of P&S, produces the components of the GFCI in China through another subsidiary, Rocom Electric Co. Ltd. (“Rocom”). Rocom plans to ship the components to a facility in Mexico where thirty-two of the components will be assembled in a forty-two step process into a Printed Circuit Board subassembly (“PCB”), which will in turn be assembled, with twenty-nine other components, into the GFCI in a forty-three step process. The GFCI will be tested and packaged at the same facility. Upon completion of assembly, testing, and packaging, the GFCI will be imported into the U.S. by P&S for sale and distribution.

The components from China include the following: cover, reset button, test button, light pipe, strap assembly, assembly terminals, contact, separator, springs, latch block top, spark gap blades, assembly screw

terminals, armature, spring assembly, term assemblies, resistors, capacitors, diodes, LEDs, latches, solenoids, wires, back body, miswire cap, screws, and labels. A complete list of the sixty-one components was included with your submission. You have provided six exhibits, which include schematics, photographs, and the step-by-step assembly process of the GFCL in Mexico. Exhibit G shows phase one (the assembly of the PCB), which is comprised of forty-two discrete steps and thirty-two parts, takes approximately twelve minutes. Exhibit D shows phase two (the assembly of the GFCL from components including the PCB), which is comprised of forty-three discrete steps and thirty parts, takes approximately ten minutes. You claim that each step, unless otherwise noted, is completed by skilled workers who undergo an extensive training process.

PCB assembly process:

1. Apply adhesive to PCB (in three-up array).
- 2–25. Place surface-mount electronic components onto foil-side of PCB: fourteen resistors; nine capacitors; integrated circuit.
26. Cure adhesive in oven.
- 27–32. Place leaded electronic components onto top-side of PCB: two jumper wires; Medial Oxide Varistor; Diode; Silicon Controlled Rectifier; Light Emitting Diode.
- 33–34. Assemble bobbin solenoid subassembly—bobbin, latch block, latch, spring and auxiliary contact (two pcs). Fit subassembly into corresponding holes in PCB.
35. Place spring over solenoid plunger and insert into hole in solenoid.
36. Fit toroid subassembly into corresponding holes in PCB.
37. Place leaded resistor through hole in toroid subassembly into PCB.
38. Send PCB subassembly (still in array) through wave solder machine.
39. Visually inspect solder side of PCB after wave solder, touch-up as required.
40. Hand solder in miswire link between resistors R9 and R15.
41. Send assembly through in-circuit test for component verification and measurement.
42. Place array in press and singulate individual PCB subassemblies from array.

GFCL assembly process:

1. Place back body into date code fixture/stamping-press and press button to apply date code on side of back body.
2. Remove back body from date code fixture. Place hot terminal-screw/pressure-plate assembly into back body cradle on line end.
3. Place neutral terminal-screw/pressure-plate assembly into back body cradle on line end.
4. Place PCB subassembly into back body, capturing terminal-screw/pressure-plate subassemblies under line terminals.
5. Place hot terminal-screw/pressure-plate subassembly into back body cradle on load end.
6. Place neutral terminal-screw/pressure-plate subassembly into back body cradle on load end.
7. Place hot load terminal subassembly into back body, over load screw/pressure plate subassembly.

8. Place neutral load terminal subassembly into back body, over load screw/pressure plate assembly.

9. Place two break springs into latch block.
10. Place latch block with springs onto line contacts, aligning leg of latch block over auxiliary switch on PCB.
11. Drop separator over device, aligning test resistor lead through hole in separator. Snap separator onto back body.
12. Place strap subassembly into center channel of separator.
13. Place hot-side load contact into slot in separator.
14. Bend test resistor lead over with finger to test blade slot.
15. Press test blade leg into slot in separator, capturing test resistor lead in slot on bottom leg of test blade.
16. Place neutral-side load contact into slot in separator.
17. Place light pipe into hole/slot in separator.
18. Place reset button/pin/make spring subassembly into hole through strap/separator.
19. Set two shutter subassemblies into pockets in device cover/test button subassembly.
20. Place cover/test-button subassembly on top of device, fitting over reset button subassembly and light pipe.
21. Turn device over. Place four assembly screws in holes at corners of back body.
22. Run assembly screws in and torque down with driver.
23. Place device in automated final tester fixture.
24. Short circuit test.
25. False trip test.
26. Trip level test in forward polarity, full load.
27. Trip level test in reverse polarity, full load.
28. Grounded-neutral test.
29. Test-button test.
30. Dielectric test.
31. Response time test with 500 ohm fault resistor.
32. If device passes all tests, hand solder link across solder bridge on bottom of PCB to activate miswire circuit.
33. Depress reset button on device and place device in automatic miswire-function tester. Push button to initiate test to verify device trips.
34. If device passes, snap plastic cap into back body, covering miswire solder bridge.
35. Remove miswire label from roll and apply across back body and load terminal screws.
36. Remove UL label from roll and apply to neutral side of device, overlapping back body, separator and cover.
37. Place cardboard protector over face of device.
38. Place wallplate subassembly with captive screws over cardboard protector and face of device.
39. Take stack of three pre-folded instruction sheets and fuse box label and place under device.
40. Remove product box label from roll and place on flap of individual box.
41. Assemble individual box, closing flap on one end.

42. Slide device, protector, wallplate and instruction sheets into individual box and close flap.

43. Place individual box into carton for shipping.

ISSUES

1. What is the country of origin of the GFCL for the purpose of U.S. government procurement?
2. What is the country of origin of the GFCL for the purpose of marking?

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Government Procurement

Pursuant to subpart B of part 177, 19 CFR 177.21 *et seq.*, which implements Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2511 *et seq.*), CBP issues country of origin advisory rulings and final determinations as to whether an article is or would be a product of a designated country or instrumentality for the purposes of granting waivers of certain “Buy American” restrictions in U.S. law or practice for products offered for sale to the U.S. Government.

Under the rule of origin set forth under 19 U.S.C. 2518(4)(B):

An article is a product of a country or instrumentality only if (i) it is wholly the growth, product, or manufacture of that country or instrumentality, or (ii) in the case of an article which consists in whole or in part of materials from another country or instrumentality, it has been substantially transformed into a new and different article of commerce with a name, character, or use distinct from that of the article or articles from which it was so transformed.

See also, 19 CFR § 177.22(a).

In rendering advisory rulings and final determinations for purposes of U.S. government procurement, CBP applies the provisions of subpart B of part 177 consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulations. *See* 19 CFR 177.21. In this regard, CBP recognizes that the Federal Acquisition Regulations restrict the U.S. Government’s purchase of products to U.S.-made or designated country end products for acquisitions subject to the TAA. *See* 48 CFR 25.403(c)(1). The Federal Acquisition Regulations define “U.S.-made end product” as:

* * * an article that is mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States or that is substantially transformed in the United States into a new and different article of commerce with a name, character, or use distinct from that of the article or articles from which it was transformed.

48 CFR 25.003.

In determining whether the combining of parts or materials constitutes a substantial transformation, the determinative issue is the extent of operations performed and whether the parts lose their identity and become an integral part of the new article. *Belcrest Linens v. United States*, 573 F. Supp. 1149 (Ct. Int’l Trade 1983), *aff’d*, 741 F.2d 1368 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Assembly operations that are minimal or simple, as opposed to complex or meaningful, will generally not result in a substantial transformation. Factors which

may be relevant in this evaluation may include the nature of the operation (including the number of components assembled), the number of different operations involved, and whether a significant period of time, skill, detail, and quality control are necessary for the assembly operation. See C.S.D. 80–111, C.S.D. 85–25, C.S.D. 89–110, C.S.D. 89–118, C.S.D. 90–51, and C.S.D. 90–97. If the manufacturing or combining process is a minor one which leaves the identity of the article intact, a substantial transformation has not occurred. *Uniroyal, Inc. v. United States*, 3 CIT 220, 542 F. Supp. 1026 (1982), *aff'd* 702 F.2d 1022 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

In order to determine whether a substantial transformation occurs when components of various origins are assembled into completed products, CBP considers the totality of the circumstances and makes such determinations on a case-by-case basis. The country of origin of the item's components, extent of the processing that occurs within a country, and whether such processing renders a product with a new name, character, and use are primary considerations in such cases. Additionally, factors such as the resources expended on product design and development, extent and nature of post-assembly inspection and testing procedures, and the degree of skill required during the actual manufacturing process may be relevant when determining whether a substantial transformation has occurred. No one factor is determinative.

In a number of rulings (e.g., HQ 735608, dated April 27, 1995 and HQ 559089 dated August 24, 1995), CBP has stated: "in our experience these inquiries are highly fact and product specific; generalizations are troublesome and potentially misleading. The determination is in this instance 'a mixed question of technology and Customs law, mostly the latter.'" *Texas Instruments, Inc. v. United States*, 681 F.2d 778, 783 (CCPA 1982).

In C.S.D. 85–25, 19 Cust. Bull. 844 (1985), CBP held that for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences, the assembly of a large number of fabricated components onto a printed circuit board in a process involving a considerable amount of time and skill resulted in a substantial transformation. In that case, in excess of 50 discrete fabricated components (such as resistors, capacitors, diodes, integrated circuits, sockets, and connectors) were assembled. In HQ 711967, dated March 17, 1980, CBP held that television sets which were assembled in Mexico with printed circuit boards, power transformers, yokes and tuners from Korea and picture tubes, cabinets, and additional wiring from the U.S. were products of Mexico for country of origin marking purposes. The U.S. and Korean parts were substantially transformed by the processing performed in Mexico and all the components lost their individual identities to become integral parts of the new article—a television. In HQ 561734, dated March 22, 2001, CBP held that certain multifunctional machines (consisting of printer, copier, and fax machines) assembled in Japan were a product of that country for the purposes of U.S. government procurement. The

multifunctional machines were assembled from 227 parts (108 parts obtained from Japan, 92 from Thailand, 3 from China, and 24 from other countries) and eight subassemblies, each of which was assembled in Japan. In finding that the imported parts were substantially transformed in Japan, CBP stated that the individual parts and components lost their separate identities when they became part of the multifunctional machine. See also HQ 561568, dated March 22, 2001.

This case involves sixty-one components manufactured in China which are proposed to be assembled in Mexico in a two phase process, largely by skilled workers using sophisticated equipment. The first phase is the assembly of the PCB and involves a forty-two step process which will take approximately twelve minutes. After a careful consideration of the pertinent facts and authorities, we find that the assembly of the PCB, which consists of inserting all active and passive components into a bare printed circuit board and soldering all components necessary for the completion of the subassembly, is technically complex. Further, the PCB has all the major components necessary for the GFCl to fulfill its function. These components include the active and passive components, the solenoid bobbin assembly with both coils/inductors, hot and neutral "Line" terminals, test, trip and reset contacts. Therefore, the PCB imparts the essential character of the GFCl.

In the second phase, the PCB will be assembled with twenty-nine other components, into the GFCl in a forty-three step process which will take approximately ten minutes. Under the described two-phase assembly process, the foreign components lose their individual identities and become an integral part of a new article, the GFCl, possessing a new name, character and use. Based upon the information before us, we find that the components that are used to manufacture the GFCl, including the technically complex PCB assembled in Mexico, are substantially transformed as a result of the assembly operations performed in Mexico, and that the country of origin of the GFCl for government procurement purposes is Mexico.

Country of Origin Marking

Section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1304), provides that, unless excepted, every article of foreign origin imported into the United States shall be marked in a conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly, and permanently as the nature of the article (or container) will permit, in such manner as to indicate to the ultimate purchaser in the U.S. the English name of the country of origin of the article.

Part 134, CBP Regulations (19 CFR 134), implements the country of origin marking requirements and exceptions of 19 U.S.C. 1304. Section 134.1(b), CBP Regulations (19 CFR 134.1(b)), defines the country of origin of an article as the country of manufacture, production, or growth of any article of foreign origin entering the United States. Further work or material added to an article in another country must effect a substantial transformation in order to render such other

country the country of origin for country of origin marking purposes; however, for a good of a NAFTA country, the NAFTA Marking Rules will determine the country of origin.

Section 134.1(j), CBP Regulations provides that the "NAFTA Marking Rules" are the rules promulgated for purposes of determining whether a good is a good of a NAFTA country. Section 134.1(g), CBP Regulations defines a "good of a NAFTA country" as an article for which the country of origin is Canada, Mexico or the United States as determined under the NAFTA Marking Rules.

Part 102, CBP Regulations (19 CFR 102), sets forth the "NAFTA Marking Rules" for purposes of determining whether a good is a good of a NAFTA country. Section 102.11, CBP Regulations (19 CFR § 102.11) sets forth the required hierarchy for determining country of origin for marking purposes. Section 102.11(a), CBP Regulations provides that the country of origin of a good is the country in which:

- (1) The good is wholly obtained or produced;
- (2) The good is produced exclusively from domestic materials; or
- (3) Each foreign material incorporated in that good undergoes an applicable change in tariff classification set out in section 102.20 and satisfies any other applicable requirements of that section, and all other requirements of these rules are satisfied.

"Foreign Material" is defined in section 102.1(e), CBP Regulations as "a material whose country of origin as determined under these rules is not the same country as the country in which the good is produced."

Section 102.11(a)(1) and (2) do not apply to the facts presented in this case because the GFCl, assembled in Mexico from Chinese components, is neither wholly obtained or produced, nor produced exclusively from domestic (i.e., Mexican) materials. Since an analysis of sections 102.11(a)(1) and 102.11(a)(2) will not yield a country of origin determination, we look to section 102.11(a)(3) to determine whether the foreign materials incorporated in the GFCl undergo an applicable change in tariff classification (or other applicable requirement) under section 102.20. The GFCl is classified in subheading 8536.30.80, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The applicable tariff shift rule found in section 102.20(o) provides as follows:

8536.10–8536.90 A change to subheading 8536.10 through 8536.90 from any other subheading, including another subheading within that group.

In this case, the foreign materials incorporated in the GFCl are classified in subheadings other than subheading 8536.30, HTSUS. Since the components are classified in a different subheading than the GFCl, the requisite tariff shift rule is met. Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 102.11(a)(3), the country of origin of the GFCl is Mexico.

With regard to the marking requirements, section 134.43(e), CBP Regulations (19 CFR 134.43(e)), provides, in pertinent part that:

Where an article is produced as a result of an assembly operation and the country of origin of such article is determined under this chapter to be the country in which the

article was finally assembled, such article may be marked, as appropriate, in a manner such as the following:

- (1) Assembled in (country of final assembly);
- (2) Assembled in (country of final assembly) from components of (name of country or countries of origin of all components); or
- (3) Made in, or product of, (country of final assembly).

The GFCI was the result of an assembly operation and was finally assembled in Mexico within the meaning of 19 CFR 134.43(e). Therefore, we find that the GFCI may be marked "Made in Mexico," "Assembled in Mexico," or "Product of Mexico."

HOLDINGS

The components that are used to manufacture the GFCI are substantially transformed as a result of the assembly operations performed in Mexico. Therefore, the country of origin of the GFCI for government procurement purposes is Mexico.

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1304, the country of origin of the GFCI for country of origin marking purposes is Mexico.

The GFCI may be marked "Made in Mexico," "Assembled in Mexico," or "Product of Mexico."

Notice of this final determination will be given in the **Federal Register**, as required by 19 CFR 177.29. Any party-at-interest other than the party which requested this final determination may request, pursuant to 19 CFR 177.31, that CBP reexamine the matter anew and issue a new final determination. Pursuant to 19 CFR 177.30, any party-at-interest may, within 30 days after publication of the **Federal Register** notice referenced above, seek judicial review of this final determination before the Court of International Trade.

Sincerely,
Sandra L. Bell,
Executive Director, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Tuna—Tariff-Rate Quota; The Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 2009 Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Announcement of the quota quantity of tuna in airtight containers for Calendar Year 2009.

SUMMARY: Each year the tariff-rate quota for tuna described in subheading

1604.14.22, HTSUS, is based on the apparent United States consumption of tuna in airtight containers during the preceding Calendar Year. This document sets forth the tariff-rate quota for Calendar Year 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The 2009 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period January 1, through December 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Headquarters Quota Branch, Textile/Apparel Policy and Programs Division, Trade Policy and Programs, Office of International Trade, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 863-6560.

Background

It has been determined that 18,457,467 kilograms of tuna in air-tight containers may be entered and withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the Calendar Year 2009, at the rate of 6 percent *ad valorem* under subheading 1604.14.22, HTSUS. Any such tuna which is entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent *ad valorem* under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

Dated: April 1, 2009.

Daniel Baldwin,
Assistant Commissioner, Office of International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5297-N-01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Opinion by Counsel to the Mortgage (FHA)

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: June 5, 2009.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to

the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian.L.Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 402-8048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millicent Potts, Assistant General Counsel, Multifamily Mortgage Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 9230, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-4090 (this is not a toll free number). Copies of the form documents to be submitted to OMB for review can be obtained from Ms. Potts or from HUD's Web site: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Opinion by Counsel to the Mortgage (FHA).

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2510-0010.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The opinion is required to provide comfort to HUD and the mortgagee in multifamily rental and health care facility mortgage insurance transactions.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-91725, 91725-instr, 91725-CERT.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: As closings occur in