SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 6, 2022, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published the notice Request for Public Comments on Supply Chain Issues To Support the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council Secure Supply Chains Working Group. (87 FR 19854). The April 6 notice specified that BIS requests public comments regarding how to advance supply chain resilience and security in key sectors: Semiconductors; solar photovoltaics; critical minerals and materials including rare earth magnets; lithium-ion batteries, and material inputs to semiconductors; and pharmaceuticals to inform the work of the United States-European Union (EU) Trade and Technology Council (TTC) Secure Supply Chains Working Group. The Working Group is tasked with increasing transparency of supply and demand, mapping respective existing sectoral capabilities, exchanging information on policy measures and research and development priorities, and cooperating on strategies to promote supply chain resilience, security and diversification.

Extension of Comment Period Deadline

The April 6 notice included a comment period deadline of May 23, 2022. The Department of Commerce has determined at this time that it is warranted to extend the comment period by one month to allow for commenters to take into account any developments or announcements that may occur as a result of the United States-EU TTC second leaders’ meeting scheduled for May 15–16, 2022 in France.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published April 6, 2022 at 87 FR 19854, is extended until June 23, 2022.

ADDRESS: Submissions: You may submit comments, identified by docket number BIS—2021–0046 or RIN 0694–XC089, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via https://www.regulations.gov, enter the docket number BIS—2021–0046 on the home page and click “Search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click the button entitled “Comment.” For further information on using https://www.regulations.gov, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on “FAQ.” For further information regarding required comment formatting, please see the Solicited Written Comments and Requirements for Written Comments sections in the April 6 notice.