

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, the following proposal for an extension of a currently approved collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Title: Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers' Expenses in the United States.

Form Number(s): BE-29.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0012.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 652 hours.

Number of Respondents: 163.

Avg Hours Per Response: 4 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of Economic Analysis is responsible for the compilation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The information collected in this survey is an integral part of the "transportation" portion of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The balance of payments accounts, which are published quarterly in the Bureau's monthly publication, the *Survey of Current Business*, are one of the major statistical products of BEA. The accounts provide a statistical summary of U.S. international transactions and are used by government and private organizations for national and international policy formulation, and analytical studies.

The information collected is also used for compiling the U.S. national income and product accounts, and for reporting to international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund. Without the information collected in this survey, annual data needed for estimating an integral component of the transportation account would be unavailable. No other Government agency collects comprehensive annual data on foreign ocean carriers' expenses in the United States.

The survey requests information from U.S. agents of foreign ocean carriers. Information is collected on an annual basis from U.S. agents that handle 40 or more port calls by foreign vessels and have annual total covered expenses of \$250,000 or more. U.S. agents with less than 40 port calls or with annual total covered expenses below \$250,000 are exempt from reporting.

Affected Public: U.S. agents of foreign ocean carriers.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108.

OMB Desk Officer: Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

Copies of the above extension of a currently approved collection can be obtained by calling or writing Diane Hynek, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations in response to this extension of a currently approved collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202) 395-7245; e-mail: pbugg@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Inadequate Interoperability Cost Analysis of the U.S. Capital Facilities Industry Surveys.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 113.

Number of Respondents: 225.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The surveys, to be administered to capital facilities architects, general contractors, engineers, suppliers, software developers, and owner-operators, are designed to gather quantitative data. The data will be used to calculate the efficiency loss, in dollars, of inadequate electronic interoperability in the capital facilities supply chain and in capital facilities life cycle management. Each aforementioned stakeholder group will be administered a survey tailored to their activities in the design,

construction, and operation of capital facilities.

The surveys will collect data on respondents' capital facilities projects, business processes involving the exchange of electronic and paper-based communication, information technology investments, and the amount of labor involved in managing information flows internally and externally. The respondents will also be offered the opportunity to freely comment on the extent to which interoperability issues impact their businesses and operations.

Affected Public: Business or for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jacqueline Zeiher, (202) 395-4638.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of the Census**

[Docket Number 030829216-3216-01]

RIN 0607-AA40

Annual Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is proposing to expand the 2003 Annual Trade Survey (ATS) to include manufacturers' sales branches and offices (MSBO). The Census Bureau proposes this expansion at the request of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The BEA considers this information vital to its accurate measurement of sales and inventories for wholesale trade. These data are

important inputs to BEA's preparation of National Income and Product accounts and its annual input-output tables.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2049, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Trimble, Chief, Annual Trade and Special Projects Branch, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 763-7223, or by e-mail: John.Trimble@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 182, 224, and 225. Reporting by MSBO establishments will be mandatory and provide continuing and timely national statistical data. Data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those inquiries covered in the Economic Census.

The current ATS collects data only for merchant wholesalers. The expanded survey will include a selected sample of firms and operating establishments primarily selling goods that they manufacture in the United States. These data will be a vital source for accurately measuring sales, inventories, and operating expenses for wholesale trade. The BEA has made repeated requests for this information. The expanded ATS will cover approximately 90 percent of sales from the wholesale sector and over 99 percent of its inventories compared to about 58 percent of sales and 85 percent of inventories in the present ATS sample.

Beginning with the survey year 2003, the goal will be to maximize industry coverage within our available resources. In order to establish reporting arrangements and reduce respondent burden, we will mail report forms to a sample of firms on a company basis and contact them in person, as well as by phone and mail. We will mail a survey introduction letter followed by report forms to the firms covered by this survey and require the report forms to be returned thirty days after receipt. The report forms will request similar data items, but different forms are needed to accommodate both merchant wholesale and MSBO companies as well as both large and small firms. Later, as necessary, additional mail follow-ups and telephone follow-ups will be conducted.

The primary users of these data will be federal, state and local government agencies, including the Bureau of the Census, BEA, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Other users will include business firms, academics, trade associations, and research and consulting organizations.

Rulemaking Requirements

Executive Order 12866

This rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Census Bureau is proposing to expand the 2003 Annual Trade Survey (ATS) to include manufacturers' sales branches and offices (MSBO). If this proposed rule is adopted, the expanded ATS would cover approximately 90 percent of sales from the wholesale sector and over 99 percent of its inventories compared to about 58 percent of sales and 85 percent of inventories in the present ATS sample.

If this rule is adopted, it is estimated that the survey will require an additional 1,800 MSBOs to respond to the survey. It is estimated that approximately 1,200, or 67 percent, of the respondents would be small entities. The approximate total additional burden hours as a result of this rule is 800 hours (27 minutes per survey). This includes time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. The total cost is estimated to be \$14,560 based on an annual response burden of 800 hours and a rate of \$18.20 per hour to complete the form. The total cost to respondents that are small entities is estimated to be \$9,755.

Because small businesses are subject to minimal recording-keeping and reporting burdens as a result of this rule, the Chief Counsel for Regulation certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to

requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This proposed rule contains a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). In accordance with the PRA, this collection of information will be submitted to OMB for approval. We estimate the number of additional respondents to be 1,800 and estimate an additional 800 annual burden hours with this expanded data collection. Also, we estimate that the time for the additional responses associated with this data collection will be approximately 27 minutes. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies will be available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Charles Louis Kincannon,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-848]

Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for issuing the preliminary results of the new shipper review of Shanghai Ocean Flavor International Trading Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Ocean Flavor) under the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China until no later than February 24, 2004. The period of review is September 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Gilgunn or Addilyn Chams-Eddine, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4236 or (202) 482-0648, respectively.