

Burden: 350 hours.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 20–40 minutes.

Needs and Uses: In response to the European Union Directive on Data Protection that restricts transfers of personal information from Europe to countries whose privacy practices are not deemed “adequate,” the U.S. Department of Commerce has developed a “Safe Harbor” framework that will allow U.S. organizations to satisfy the European Directive’s requirements and ensure that personal data flows to the United States are not interrupted. In this process, the Department of Commerce repeatedly consulted with U.S. organizations affected by the European Directive and interested non-government organizations. On July 27, 2000, the European Commission issued its decision in accordance with Article 25.6 of the Directive that the Safe Harbor Privacy Principles provide adequate privacy protection. The Safe Harbor framework bridges the differences between the European Union (EU) and U.S. approaches to privacy protection. The complete set of Safe Harbor documents and additional guidance materials may be found at <http://export.gov/safeharbor>.

Once the Safe Harbor was deemed “adequate” by the European Commission on July 27, 2000, the Department of Commerce began working on the requirements that are necessary to put this accord into effect. The European Member States implemented the decision made by the Commission within 90 days. Therefore, the Safe Harbor became operational on November 1, 2000. The Department of Commerce created a list for U.S. organizations to sign up to the Safe Harbor and provided guidance on the mechanics of signing up to this list. As of April 22, 2004, 487 U.S. organizations have been placed on the Safe Harbor List, located at <http://export.gov/safeharbor>.

Organizations that have signed up to this list are deemed “adequate” under the Directive and do not have to provide further documentation to European officials. This list will be used by EU organizations to determine whether further information and contracts will be needed for a U.S. organization to receive personally identifiable information. This list is necessary to make the Safe Harbor accord operational, and was a key demand of the Europeans in agreeing that the Principles were providing “adequate” privacy protection.

The Safe Harbor provides a number of important benefits to U.S. firms. Most

importantly, it provides predictability and continuity for U.S. organizations that receive personal information from the European Union. Personally identifiable information is defined as any that can be identified to a specific person, for example an employee’s name and extension would be considered personally identifiable information. All 15 member countries are bound by the European Commission’s finding of “adequacy”. The Safe Harbor also eliminates the need for prior approval to begin data transfers, or makes approval from the appropriate EU member countries automatic. The Safe Harbor principles offer a simpler and cheaper means of complying with the adequacy requirements of the Directive, which should particularly benefit small and medium enterprises.

The decision to enter the Safe Harbor is entirely voluntary. Organizations that decide to participate in the Safe Harbor must comply with the Safe Harbor’s requirements and publicly declare that they do so. To be assured of Safe Harbor benefits, an organization needs to reaffirm its self-certification annually to the Department of Commerce that it agrees to adhere to the safe harbor’s requirements, which includes elements such as notice, choice, access, data integrity, security and enforcement.

This list will be most regularly used by European Union organizations to determine whether further information and contracts will be needed by a U.S. organization to receive personally identifiable information. It will be used by the European Data Protection Authorities to determine whether a company is providing “adequate” protection, and whether a company has requested to cooperate with the Data Protection Authority. This list will be accessed when there is a complaint logged in the EU against a U.S. organization. This will be on a monthly basis. It will be used by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Transportation to determine whether a company is part of the Safe Harbor. This will be accessed if a company is practicing “unfair and deceptive” practices and has misrepresented itself to the public. It will be used by the Department of Commerce and the European Commission to determine if organizations are signing up to the list. This list is updated on a regular basis.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligations: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork, Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & 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 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 3, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Written Assurances for Exports of Technical Data Under License Exception TSR.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694–0023.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Burden: 103 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 31 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 200 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) require in Section 740.6 that exporters obtain letters of assurance from their importers stating that technology or software will not be reexported or released to unauthorized destinations that are subject to controls for national security or foreign policy and nuclear non-proliferation reasons. The importer, in making these assurances acknowledges his/her requirement to comply with the EAR. The written assurance requirement of License Exception TSR (Technology and Software Under Restriction) provides greater security for the protection of U.S. origin technology and software that

becomes incorporated into foreign products.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: May 3, 2004.

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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 collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: U.S. Census Age Search.

Form Number(s): BC-600, BC-649(L), BC-658(L).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0117.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 699 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,620.

Avg Hours Per Response: BC-600—12 min.; BC-649(L) & BC-658(L)—6 min.

Needs and Uses: This request for clearance is for a revision of the currently approved collection for the United States Age Search Service. The age and citizenship searching service provided by the National Processing Center is a self-supporting operation of the U.S. Census Bureau. Expenses incurred in providing census transcripts are covered by the fees paid by individuals requesting a search of the census records. The Survey Processing Branch/Personal Census Search Unit in Jeffersonville, Indiana, maintains the 1910-2000 Federal censuses for searching purposes. The purpose of the searching is to provide, upon request, transcripts of personal data from historical population census records. Information relating to age, place of birth, and citizenship is provided upon payment of the established fee to individuals for their use in qualifying for social security, old age benefits, retirement, court litigation, passports, insurance settlements, etc. The census records maintained in this unit are confidential by an Act of Congress. The Census Bureau is prohibited by federal laws from disclosing any information contained in the records except upon written request from the person to whom the information pertains or to a legal representative.

The United States Census Bureau is amending Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 50 and 80, fee structure for age search and citizenship information, to increase the fee for an age search from \$40 to \$65. This change is being made to recover the increase in cost to process a request due to operating cost. Title 13, United States Code, requires recovery of the costs. We are also adding an additional charge of \$20 per case for expedited requests requiring search results within one day.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 8a.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

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 dhynnek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: May 3, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice to give all interested parties an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD MARCH 20, 2004-APRIL 23, 2004

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Rosewood Industries, Inc	201 Purdue Road, Stigler, OK 74462	4/6/2004	Cabinets of wood.
Heritage Sportswear, LLC d.b.a. Joan Vass USA.	505 Manning Street, Marion, SC 29571 ...	4/1/2004	Ladies cotton knitwear, high-end tops, pants and skirts, and sportswear from and cotton blends.
Southern Oregon Sales, Inc	18 Stewart Avenue, Medford, OR 97501	3/26/2004	Pears.
Old Western Paint Co., Inc	2001 West Barberrry Place, Denver, CO 80204.	3/22/2004	Oil based paint and varnish and water based paint.
Vergason Technology, Inc	88 State Route 224, Van Etten, NY 14889.	3/26/2004	Vacuum metalizing and coating machine and parts.
ABM Manufacturing, Inc	415 North Marshall, Sedalia, MO 65301 ..	3/30/2004	Articles of aluminum.
Minco Tool and Mold, Inc	5690 Webster Street, Dayton, OH 45414	4/7/2004	Injection molds for the automotive, appliance, electronic and business machine industry.