

## Bureau of the Census

### Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed agency information collection activity; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Nancy Piesto, Bureau of the Census, Room 2632-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 457-2708.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey provides estimates of monthly sales and end-of-month merchandise inventories of retail stores in the United States by selected kinds of business. The survey also provides sales estimates for selected states, metropolitan areas and cities. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses this information to prepare the National Income and Products Accounts, and to benchmark the annual input-output tables. Statistics provided from the Retail Sales and Inventory Survey are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP).

The survey currently uses a sample design that includes both fixed and rotating panels. Larger firms are requested to report sales and inventories each month, putting them in the fixed panel category. Smaller firms belong to one of three rotating panels that are contacted every third month and report data from the two most recent months. In this way, we obtain eight months of data through four contacts per year for the smaller firms. Under the current system, we release a preliminary estimate one month, and then revise it with a final estimate one month later.

Revisions can be relatively large due to imbalances in the rotating panels and differential response bias between current and previous month reports.

We plan to implement a totally fixed panel design for the next sample revision starting in early 1997. Under this new design, all reporting units will report each month. By going to a totally fixed panel design, we will greatly minimize preliminary-to-final revisions caused by the rotating panels.

The fixed panel design will allow for better analysis of data since we will be able to more easily pinpoint unusual responses by reviewing each reporting unit's data each month. By using a simplified estimation scheme, the new design will also allow easier computation of an individual firm's effect on the total estimates.

The fixed panel design will also give us better estimates when reconciling differences with other surveys. When we reconcile smaller firms with the Annual Retail Trade Survey, (OMB Approval #0607-0013), we will have twelve months of data rather than eight. Also, firms in the Advance Monthly Retail Sales Survey (OMB Approval #0607-0104)—a subsample of the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey—are requested to report one month of data every month. Under the fixed panel design, all firms in the Advance Monthly Retail Sales Survey will now be included in the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey each month.

This fixed panel design will allow for better comparisons between these closely related surveys.

##### II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail, fax, and telephone follow up.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0717.

*Form Number:* B-101(97), B-102(97), B-103(97), B-111(97), B-111(97)L, B-112(97), B-113(97), B-114(97).

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.  
*Affected Public:* Retail firms in the United States.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,464 per month.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 12.2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 27,972 hours.

*Estimated Total Cost:* The total cost in fiscal year 1996 for the Current Retail Sales and Inventory Survey is \$5,035,999 all borne by the Bureau of the Census. The cost to the respondents is estimated to be \$430,768 based on the median hourly salary of \$15.40 for

accountants and auditors. (January 1995 Bureau of Labor Statistics publication "Employment and Earnings," \$15.40 represents the median hourly wage of the full-time wage and salary earnings of accountants and auditors).

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 10-96]

### Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Yuma County, Arizona Application and Public Hearing

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Yuma County Airport Authority, Inc. (YCAA), (an Arizona non-profit civic corporation), to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone in Yuma County, Arizona, within the San Luis Customs port of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 9, 1996. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Section 44-6501 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The proposed zone would be located on a 79-acre site within the Yuma International Airport complex, which is

owned by Yuma County and leased to YCAA. The applicant plans to develop the first phase of the zone by constructing a 20,000 square foot multi-tenant building.

The application contains evidence of the need for zone services in the Yuma area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution of such items as fresh fruits and vegetables, seed and plants, citrus and meat. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on April 3, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Yuma Civic & Convention Center, 1440 West Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, Arizona.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is April 18, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to May 3, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Yuma County Library, 350 South 3rd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364  
Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: February 13, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,  
Executive Secretary.

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#### [Docket 11-96]

#### **Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Sioux Falls, South Dakota Application and Public Hearing**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Governor's Office of Economic Development of the State of South Dakota, to establish a general-purpose foreign-trade zone at sites in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, within the

Sioux Falls Customs port of entry (authorized in 1995). The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 12, 1996. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under South Dakota Codified Law, Chapter 37-28.

The proposed new zone would consist of 5 sites (392 acres) in the City of Sioux Falls: *Site 1* (130 acres)—Joe Foss Field, 2801 Jaycee Lane; *Site 2* (123 acres)—Sioux Falls Development Foundation Park III, 4th Avenue N.; *Site 3* (125 acres)—Sioux Falls Development Foundation Park IV, north of East Benson Road, west of Interstate 229; *Site 4* (7 acres, 2 parcels)—Burns Moving & Storage, 4205 N. 4th Avenue and N. 2nd Avenue and 54th Street; and, *Site 5* (7 acres, 2 parcels)—Parker Transfer and Storage, Inc., 1700 F Avenue and 3703 West Tickman Street.

The application contains evidence of the need for foreign-trade zone services in the Sioux Falls area. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activity. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

As part of the investigation, the Commerce examiner will hold a public hearing on May 8, 1996, 9:00 a.m., Sioux Falls City Hall, Council Chambers, 224 West 9th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 23, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to June 7, 1996.

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available during this time for public inspection at the following locations:

Sioux Falls Development Foundation,  
200 North Phillips Avenue, Suite 101,  
Sioux Falls, SD 57102  
Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

Dated: February 14, 1996.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,  
Executive Secretary.

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#### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Determination Not To Revoke Antidumping Duty Orders and Findings Nor To Terminate Suspended Investigations**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Determination not to revoke antidumping duty orders and findings nor to terminate suspended investigations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is notifying the public of its determination not to revoke the antidumping duty orders and findings nor to terminate the suspended investigations listed below.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 23, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Panfeld or the analyst listed under Antidumping Proceeding at: Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-4737.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) may revoke an antidumping duty order or finding or terminate a suspended investigation, pursuant to 19 CFR 353.25(d)(4)(iii), if no interested party has requested an administrative review for four consecutive annual anniversary months and no domestic interested party objects to the revocation or requests an administrative review.

We had not received a request to conduct an administrative review for the most recent four consecutive annual anniversary months. Therefore, pursuant to § 353.25(d)(4)(i) of the Department's regulations, on December 4, 1995, we published in the Federal Register a notice of intent to revoke these antidumping duty orders and findings and to terminate the suspended investigations and served written notice of the intent to each domestic interested party on the Department's service list in each case. Objections or requests for review were originally due by December 31, 1995. However, due to the partial government shutdown from December 16, 1995, through January 6, 1996, the time frame to either object or request a