

total transactions (either sales or purchases) in any of the types of services listed in paragraph (c) of this section are \$500,000 or less, the U.S. person is requested to provide an estimate of the total for each type of service.

(i) Provision of this information is voluntary. The estimates may be judgmental, that is, based on recall, without conducting a detailed manual records search. Because the \$500,000 threshold applies separately to sales and purchases, the voluntary reporting option may apply only to sales, only to purchases, or to both sales and purchases.

(ii) The amounts of transactions reportable on a particular schedule are to be entered in the appropriate column(s) in the voluntary reporting section of the schedule: they are not required to be disaggregated by country. Reporters filing voluntary information only should also complete Parts I and II of the form.

(3) Any U.S. person that receives the BE-20 survey form from BEA, but is not reporting data in neither the mandatory or voluntary section of the form, must nevertheless complete and return the Exemption Claim included with the form to BEA. This requirement is necessary to ensure compliance with reporting requirements and efficient administration of the Act by eliminating unnecessary followup contact.

(c) *Covered types of services.* Only the services listed below are covered by the BE-20 survey. Other services, such as transportation and reinsurance, are NOT covered. Covered services are: Agricultural services; research, development, and testing services; management, consulting, and public relations services; management of health care facilities; accounting, auditing, and bookkeeping services; legal services; educational and training services; mailing, reproduction, and commercial art; employment agencies and temporary help supply services; industrial engineering services; industrial-type maintenance, installation, alteration, and training services; performing arts, sports, and other live performances, presentations, and events; sale or purchase of rights to natural resources, and lease bonus payments; use or lease of rights to natural resources, excluding lease bonus payments; disbursements to fund news-gathering costs of broadcasters; disbursements to fund news-gathering costs of print media; disbursements to fund production costs of motion pictures; disbursements to fund production costs of broadcast program material other than news; disbursements

to maintain government tourism and business promotion offices; disbursements for sales promotion and representation; disbursements to participate in foreign trade shows (purchases only); premiums paid on purchases of primary insurance; losses recovered on purchases of primary insurance; construction, engineering, architectural, and mining services (purchases only); merchanting services (sales only); financial services (purchases only, by companies or parts of companies that are not financial services providers); advertising services; computer and data processing services; data base and other information services; telecommunications services; operational leasing services; and "other" private services. "Other" private services covers transactions in the following types of services: Satellite photography services, security services, actuarial services, salvage services, oil spill and toxic waste cleanup services, language translation services, and account collection services.

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National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; Revision of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; Pedestrian, Bicycle, and School Warning Signs

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendment to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is extending the comment period for a notice of proposed amendment to the MUTCD which was published June 7, 1996, at 61 FR 29234. The original comment period was set to close on October 7, 1996. This extension responds to concern expressed by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD) that the October 7 closing date does not provide sufficient time for appropriate response to the proposed MUTCD change. The FHWA recognizes that other commenters may be subject to similar time constraints and agrees with the NCUTCD that the comment period

should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for comments is changed to February 15, 1997, which will provide the NCUTCD and other interested commenters additional time to evaluate the proposed changes and to submit responses.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before February 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, signed comments to FHWA Docket No. 96-9, Federal Highway Administration, Room 4232, HCC-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the notice of proposed amendment contact Mr. Ernest Huckaby, Office of Highway Safety, Room 3416, (202) 366-9064, or Mr. Raymond Cuprill, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 4217, (202) 366-0834, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As noted, the original comment period for the June 7, 1996, notice of proposed amendment to the MUTCD is set to close on October 6, 1996. The NCUTCD has expressed concern that this closing date does not provide sufficient time to review the proposed change, consolidate comments, and submit these comments to its member organizations for approval. The NCUTCD only meets in January and June of each year to vote as a full body on proposals and issues relating to the MUTCD. Therefore, the closing date for comments is changed to February 15, 1997, to allow the NCUTCD and other commenters additional time to respond.

The MUTCD is available for inspection and copying as prescribed in 49 CFR Part 7, appendix D. It may be purchased for \$44.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, Stock No. 650-001-00001-0.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315, 49 CFR 1.48.

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Federal Highway Administrator.

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