

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on August 7, 1997, at the Marriott Hotel, 700 Grand, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 9, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn at 9:00 p.m. on September 11, 1997, at the Holiday Inn, 2515 West 6th Street, Stillwater, OK 74074. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Melvin L. Jenkins, Director of the Central Regional Office, 913-551-1400 (TDD 913-551-1414). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal Questions on Race and Hispanic Origin

ACTION: Proposed Collection; 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 September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 John H. Thompson, Associate Director for Decennial Census, Bureau of the Census, Room 3586, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-0001, telephone (301) 457-3946.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This pre-submission **Federal Register** notice complements the pre-submission notice on "Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal" that was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, May 23, 1997 (Vol. 62, No. 100, pp. 28443-28444). That earlier notice was intended to solicit public comment on the proposed dress rehearsal plan and the questions to be included on the information collection instrument(s), except the questions on race and Hispanic origin, as these questions had not been sufficiently developed at that time. The information collection instrument(s) referenced in the May 23, 1997 notice included the following note concerning questions 5 and 6:

These questions will ask for information on race and Hispanic origin and possibly ancestry. These specific questions, including the order in which they are asked, will depend partly on the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) review of Directive No. 15, "Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting." The OMB plans to announce any revisions to the Directive No. 15 in October 1997.

We have now developed proposed questions on race and Hispanic origin and are soliciting comment on these questions. The proposed questions on race, Hispanic origin, and ancestry for the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal are consistent with the recommendations of the Interagency Committee for the Review of Racial and Ethnic Standards to OMB. The report and recommendations of the Committee were published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 9, 1997 (Vol. 62, No. 131, pp. 36874-36946).

The proposed question on ancestry is unchanged from that shown in question 10 in the information collection instrument(s) referenced in the May 23, 1997 **Federal Register** notice. The proposed questions on race and Hispanic origin are shown for the first time in the information collection instrument(s) referenced in this **Federal Register** notice.

The information collection instrument(s) to be used in the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal will be submitted soon for OMB review. They will not