

U.S. international transactions and national income and product accounts, and the international investment position of the United States. The data are also needed to measure the economic significance of foreign direct investment in the United States, measure changes in such investment, and assess its importance.

In addition, the data are needed by the Council of Economic Advisors, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Treasury Department in the conduct of U.S. international monetary policy. Such policy must be based upon an informed analysis of current information on cross border transactions, including transactions between U.S. affiliates and their foreign parents. The data are particularly valuable to these agencies because they are collected, analyzed, and published within 90 days after the end of each calendar quarter, allowing data users to see the consequences of changes in economic conditions almost immediately.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22 U.S.C.,

Sections 3101-3108, as amended.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th Street 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 Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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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 the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Provisional Applications.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/16.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0037.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 200,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The PTO estimates that it takes 8 hours for the public to gather, prepare, complete, and submit the provisional application to the PTO.

Needs and Uses: Certain provisions in the Paris Convention and the Uruguay Round Agreements give a 12-month filing date advantage to international applications. To prevent this from happening, Congress passed a law calling for a "provisional application" that establishes a filing date comparable to international ones. PTO collects information to review and process provisional applications submitted to them.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions, farms, Federal agencies or employees, and state, local, or tribal agencies or employees.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein (202) 395-3785

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 935]

**Grant of Authority for Subzone Status:
Abbott Manufacturing, Inc. (Infant
Formula, Adult Nutritional Products),
Columbus, Ohio**

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment * * * of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the Rickenbacker Port Authority, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 138, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the infant formula and adult nutritional products manufacturing plant of Abbott Manufacturing, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, was filed by the Board on April 9, 1996, and notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (FTZ Docket 28-96, 61 FR 17875, 4-23-96); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application for export manufacturing is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants authority for subzone status at the Abbott Manufacturing, Inc., plant in Columbus, Ohio (Subzone 138C), at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28, and subject to the further requirement that all foreign origin, tariff rate quota dairy products and sugar admitted to the subzone shall be reexported.