

Dated: December 19, 1997.

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Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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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: Bureau of the Census.

Title: United States Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal Large Household Follow-up.

Form Number(s): DX-1(HF), -2(HF), 19A(L), -19B(L), -19C(L), and Spanish translations.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 3,629 hours.

Number of Respondents: 23,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: Short form—6 minutes; Long form—25 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau has made the development of user-friendly forms a key strategy to reduce respondent burden. The Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal questionnaire (a five-person questionnaire with a continuation roster to list up to seven additional individuals) is shorter than a comparable seven-person detailed version. This strategy is expected to lessen the public perception that responding to the census is an arduous task. The objective of the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal Large Household Follow-up is to acquire detailed characteristic data for households with more than five members.

We will mail a customized questionnaire package to those specific households which listed six or more individuals on the original dress rehearsal census questionnaire. The customized mailing package will consist of the following items: (1) An outgoing envelope addressed to either the respondent name reported on the original returned questionnaire or the Person 1 name; (2) A letter listing the names of all persons on the original questionnaire for whom detailed characteristics were provided and the names of all persons listed on the roster. The letter will request the respondent provide detailed characteristics for the additional individuals listed on the roster; (3) A continuation questionnaire(s) designed for Person 6 through Person 12; and (4) a Business

Reply Mail return envelope for the respondent to return the continuation questionnaire.

Only one follow-up mailing will be conducted for each identified large household. No personal visit or telephone follow-up is planned.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 141 and 193.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

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 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 Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 971230316-7316-01]

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that the Census Bureau needs to collect data covering annual sales, purchases, year-end inventories, and accounts receivables to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various Government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs. This annual survey is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides on a comparable classification basis annual sales, purchases, and accounts receivables for 1997 and year-end inventories for 1996 and 1997. These data are not available publicly on a

timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Pienckyoski or Dorothy Engleking on (301) 457-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 1997 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

This survey was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 96-511, as amended, and approved under OMB Control No. 0607-0013. We will provide copies of the form upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

Martha Farnsworth Riche,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 971230314-7314-01]

Annual Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that the Census Bureau needs to collect data covering year-end inventories, annual sales, and purchases to provide a sound