

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 March 23, 1998.

**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 and instructions should be directed to Charles Moore, Bureau of the Census, SFC2, MS-5700, Room 1304, 4301 Suitland Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746, phone number (301) 457-2050.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau must provide everyone in the United States and Outlying Areas the opportunity to be counted in the Census 2000, including persons living in group quarters (GQs), (ex. student dormitories and shelters) and housing units (HUs) at and/or associated with SPs.

To that end, the Census Bureau is currently developing final plans for implementing the Census 2000 Special Place Facility Questionnaire Operation. This operation replaces the Special Place Prelist field operation conducted in previous censuses. During that operation, census enumerators visited each special place (SP) and conducted personal interviews to identify and classify the types of GQs and HUs for each SP. One of the major requirements for enumeration of persons at SP facilities is to identify the GQs and any associated HUs at each SP.

We obtain an updated SP/GQ master file from the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal which contains the names, addresses and phone numbers of each special place. Phone numbers for these SPs were obtained through the use of telephone books, directory assistance and contractors.

We will then mail advance letters to each SP informing them about the upcoming Census 2000 and letting them know that a Census Bureau representative will be phoning in the next few weeks to update the list of places where people stay and to collect other administrative information.

By phoning each SP and conducting interviews, we will identify and collect updated information about the GQs and HUs at each SP using Form D-351, Special Place Facility Questionnaire. The types of information collected during the interviews consists of collecting administrative information, updating existing information, identifying GQs/HUs at each SP, determining facility type and expected population count.

Throughout the Facility Questionnaire Operation, the SP/GQ master file is continually updated. Once the Facility Questionnaire Operation is completed, files will be created based on the requirements for each of the upcoming SP operations, i.e., Local Knowledge Update, Transient Night, Group Quarters Enumeration and Service-Based Enumeration.

**II. Method of Collection**

Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) will be used for the majority of cases using a computerized questionnaire. Nonrespondents (including SPs that request personal visit follow-up) and adds from other field operations will require a personal visit or telephone interview (non-CATI) by regional office or local census office staff using a paper D-351 questionnaire.

To collect the GQ information for military installations, a census representative will visit each of the military installations to interview military personnel on Form D-351 (MIL), Military Installation Group Quarters Address List. Information to be collected consists of the installation name, state, county, military contact, group quarters location, type of GQ and expected population count.

Once completed, the D-351s and the D-351 (MIL)s will be sent to the Data Capture Center (DCC) in Jeffersonville, Indiana for processing.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* Not available.

*Form Number:* D-351, D-351 (MIL).

*Type of review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions and small businesses or organizations.

*Estimated number of Respondents:* 450,000 Special Places in Census 2000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Each interview should take about 15 minutes (0.25 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 112,500 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* There is no cost to respondents for providing information on this operation, except for a few minutes of their time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

**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: January 13, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of the Census**

**Master Address File (MAF) and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) Update Activities**

**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)).

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Lynn Minneman, Bureau of the Census, SFC-2, Room 1308-A, Washington, DC 20233. Phone number 301-457-2036.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

**Note:** The present clearance expires June 30, 1998. This request covers field activities to be conducted from July 1, 1998 through September 30, 2000. Operations occurring during the period from October 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998 are listed here only to explain the total respondent burden for FY98 shown in part III.

The Census Bureau presently operates a generic clearance covering activities involving respondent burden associated with updating our Master Address File (MAF) and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER). We now propose to extend that generic clearance to cover update activities we will undertake during the next three fiscal years.

Under the terms of the generic clearance, we plan to submit a request for OMB clearance that will describe all planned activities for the entire period; we will not submit a separate clearance package for each updating activity. We will send a letter to OMB at least five days before the planned start of each activity that gives more exact details, examples of forms, and final estimates of respondent burden. We also will file a year-end summary with OMB after the close of each fiscal year giving results of each activity conducted. This generic clearance enables OMB to review our overall strategy for MAF and TIGER updating in advance, instead of reviewing each activity in isolation shortly before the planned start.

The MAF is a national address list that is being created and continually updated with information from the U.S. Postal Service Delivery Sequence File. The Census Bureau plans to use the MAF for mailing or delivering questionnaires to households for Census 2000 and as a sampling frame for our demographic current surveys. In the past, the Census Bureau has built a new address list for each decennial census. The MAF we are building during Census 2000 is meant to be kept current thereafter, eliminating the need to build a completely new address list for future censuses and surveys. The TIGER is a geographic system that maps the entire country in Census blocks with applicable address range or living quarter location information. Linking MAF and TIGER allows us to assign each address to the appropriate Census Block, produce maps as needed and

publish results at the appropriate level of geographic detail. The following are descriptions of each activity we plan to conduct under the clearance for the next three fiscal years.

##### 1. Address Listing (AL)

Census 2000 Address Listing will be conducted in 2.93 million blocks that have a preponderance of noncity-style addresses; for example, "RR 1, Box 89," "PO Box 678," or "General Delivery." AL also will be conducted in all of Puerto Rico. Temporary Census Bureau employees called "listers" will canvass (walk or drive) each of these blocks, identifying each structure where people live or could live, including housing units and group quarters. They will record the block number and each physical location address or description on Form D-101B, Address Listing Page. For each living quarters, the lister will attempt to conduct an interview to collect the mailing address, an E-911 address for living quarters with no posted city-style mailing address, occupant name or group quarters contact person name, and telephone number. If no one is at home, the lister will attempt to interview a neighbor to obtain this information. If unable to obtain the information, the lister will attempt up to two telephone callbacks to obtain the information. There will be no personal callbacks to conduct an interview during Address Listing. The lister will also spot the location of the living quarters on a Block Map and update the Block Maps by adding missing roads, road names, or other map features as necessary, and deleting roads that no longer exist.

The information collected will be used to create our Master Address File (MAF) for Census 2000 and survey use. The map additions and deletions will be used to update our TIGER maps. The processed address information and map spots will be directly used to deliver a Census 2000 Questionnaire to each housing unit in these blocks.

The operation will be conducted from August through December, 1998. There will be approximately 22.4 million respondents with an estimated response time of 1.5 minutes per living quarters. Approximately 4.7 million respondents will be interviewed in FY98 with a respondent burden of 117,500 hours. Approximately 17.7 million respondents will be interviewed in FY99 with a respondent burden of 442,500 hours.

In addition to the blocks mentioned above, AL will be conducted in the rural portion of 39 counties that are in the 1999 American Community Survey. Since a MAF is needed earlier in these

counties than in the rest of the country, the Address Listing will be conducted between February and May, 1998, using slightly different forms and callback rules. Housing units will be listed on Form DX-101B, Housing Unit Address Listing Page. Special places will be listed on Form DX-101C, Special Place Listing Page. The information collected will be almost identical to that listed above, however, more callbacks are authorized to obtain the mailing address. The lister will make up to three personal and two telephone callbacks to obtain the information for households where no one is home on the initial visit. There will be approximately 320,000 respondents with an estimated response time of two minutes per household. The total respondent burden is estimated at 10,666 hours.

##### 2. Block Canvass (BC)

The Census 2000 Block Canvass is scheduled to take place from January 18, 1999 through June 4, 1999 in all areas where there is predominately city-style addressing and mail delivery and where the Census Bureau will conduct a mailout/mailback census. BC is a dependent field canvassing activity where listers will canvass assigned blocks looking for every place where people live or could live using Form D-451A, Address Listing Page, which lists every living quarters currently in the MAF for these blocks. Listers will attempt to interview at predesignated living quarters (every third housing unit and all multi-unit structures) to verify that living quarters' address and unit designation, as necessary, and the addresses of the living quarters on either side. They will also obtain mailing addresses when these are different from the house number and street name address. They will visit the next housing unit to obtain the information if no one is home at the predesignated unit. Listers also will contact the resident manager, superintendent, or other knowledgeable person at all multi-unit structures to verify addresses and unit designations for each unit. For special places, the lister will visually check those on the list and add any that are missing. Listers will visit living quarters not on their list to obtain the house number and street name address and a mailing address (if different) for each living quarters. This information will be listed on Form D-451B, Block Canvass Add Page, or Form D-451B, Block Canvass Special Place Add Page. For special places, the lister will also obtain a contact person name and telephone number.

BC will improve coverage by verifying addresses on our MAF, making

corrections to those addresses as necessary, deleting nonexistent, uninhabitable, or nonresidential living quarters, capturing non-city style mailing addresses when the posted city-style address is not used for mail, and adding addresses for living quarters missing from the MAF. The processed MAF after BC will be used to label and deliver Census 2000 Questionnaires and for other Census Bureau surveys.

The estimated number of respondents for BC is 27,500,000. The estimated time per response is 2 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 916,667 hours.

### 3. Field Verification for Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA FV)

This operation will verify the existence of predominately noncity-style addresses that the local government officials add during their review of the MAF. This operation will take place around May of 1999. LUCA FV will increase the integrity of the MAF by validating addresses that are added by local government officials prior to these updates being included in the Census Mailout/Delivery.

Listers will receive Form D-137, LUCA Field Verification Address Listing Page, that will include all addresses within a block that contains at least one add from a LUCA participant. Addresses that need to be verified will be identified on the listing pages by a blank action code field. Listers will conduct a brief interview to verify the existence and address of the specified unit and enter an action code on the listing page indicating that the unit exists or does not exist.

We will verify approximately 5 million addresses across the United States. The estimated time per response is 1.5 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 125,000 hours.

In addition to the above, LUCA FV will be conducted in the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal sites of Columbia, SC, Sacramento, CA, and Menominee, WI. This operation will verify the existence of 100% of the addresses, both city-style and noncity-style, that the local governments have added to the address list during LUCA. The operation will be the same as described above for Census 2000, using Form DX-137, LUCA Field Verification Address Listing Page. The operation will take place in December, 1997.

We will verify approximately 22,423 addresses in the Dress Rehearsal sites. The estimated time per response is 1.5 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 561 hours.

### 4. Update Leave (U/L)

Update/leave will occur in the same counties as specified above for operation 1, Address Listing, and throughout Puerto Rico. Each U/L enumerator will receive an Address Register, which includes a listing and Block Maps, and a pre-addressed Census 2000 Questionnaire for each address included in the listing. The Form D-105A, Address Listing Page, will include a record for each living quarters processed during Address Listing. The Block Maps will show a map spot for each listed structure that contained living quarters. The enumerator will completely canvass each assigned block in March of 2000. U/L will update the inventory of housing units by adding any new residential construction to the Form D-105B, U/L Add Page, and the Block Maps, and will deliver a Census 2000 Questionnaire to each housing unit.

The enumerator will attempt to complete a short interview at each address to verify the address information collected during Address Listing or to obtain the address information for new units. They will also give the respondent the Questionnaire to complete and mail back. (The Questionnaire is covered by a different OMB clearance and is not described in this notice.) When no one is home, the enumerator will place the Questionnaire in a bag and hang it on the doorknob. There will be no callbacks for U/L.

The estimated number of households for U/L is 22.4 million, however, we estimate that the total number of respondents will be 7.5 million. The estimated time per response is 1.5 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 187,500 hours.

In addition to the above, U/L will be conducted in the rural portions of the Columbia, SC and Menominee, WI Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal sites. This operation will occur in March and April of 1998. It will update the address lists and Block Maps and deliver the Dress Rehearsal Questionnaire in these counties using Form DX-105A, Address Listing Page, and DX-105B, U/L Add Page. The procedures will be the same as described above for Census 2000. The estimated number of households is 75,000, however, we estimate that the total number of respondents will be 25,000. The estimated time per response is 2 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 834 hours.

### 5. Urban Update Leave (UU/L)

The Urban Update/Leave operation for Census 2000 will be conducted in

March 2000, in areas where there is predominately city-style addressing but in which the U.S. Postal Service does not deliver mail to housing units at their posted city-style address. UU/L may also be done in areas where the U.S. Postal Service delivers mail to a central drop point with no identifiable mail receptacles for each individual housing unit. The procedures for this operation are the same as described for operation 4, Update/Leave. The enumerators will use Form D-XXXX, Address Listing Page, and Form D-XXXY, UU/L Add Page, for this operation. The total estimated number of households is 1 million, however, we estimate that the total number of respondents is 334,000. The estimated time per response is 2 minutes. The total estimated respondent burden is 11,134 hours.

### 6. List/Enumerate (L/E)

List/Enumerate is a method of taking Census 2000 in some very rural parts of the country where we will not have a MAF with mailing addresses prior to the Census. During the period from March 31 through May 1, 2000, enumerators will canvass each assigned block to list each living quarters and spot its location on a Block Map. The enumerator will ask a short series of questions using Form D-104A to determine the household name, mailing address and/or physical location/description of the housing unit. The enumerator will then pick up the completed Census 2000 Questionnaire or enumerate the household using the Questionnaire. (The Questionnaire is covered by a different OMB clearance and is not included in this notice.)

The estimated number of respondents for the listing portion of L/E is 420,000. The estimated time per response is 1.5 minutes. The estimated total respondent burden for the listing portion is 10,500 hours.

### 7. Master Address File Quality Improvement Program (MAF QIP)

The MAF is a national address list that is being created and continually updated with information from the U.S. Postal Service Delivery Sequence File. The Census Bureau plans to use this file for mailing questionnaires to households for Census 2000 and as a sampling frame for our demographic current surveys. The goal of the MAF QIP is to assess the completeness and accuracy of the housing units on the MAF by providing coverage and geocoding error estimates. The operation consists of creating an independent listing of housing units which will be computer matched to the

MAF with a field reconciliation follow up of nonmatched units.

Field Representatives will contact each housing unit in the MAF QIP sample areas to obtain and list address information on Form S-676, Master Address File Quality Improvement Program 1998 Independent Listing Book. Listers will also inquire at each special place and commercial structure to identify housing units. Addresses and geocoding information obtained during the independent listing will be computer matched to the MAF. During the reconciliation phase, field staff will resolve nonmatched housing units by verifying address information using Form S-XXX, Housing Unit Followup Form. The independent listing phase will be conducted in March through July of 1998. The reconciliation phase will be conducted in May through September of 1998.

The total estimated number of respondents for the listing phase is 250,000. The total estimated number of respondents for the reconciliation phase is 20,700. The estimated time per response is 3 minutes for the listing phase and 1 minute for the reconciliation phase. The total estimated respondent burden is 10,000 hours for the listing phase and 345 hours for the reconciliation phase.

A 1999 MAF QIP will also be conducted. The procedures will be similar to the 1998 MAF QIP, however, form numbers, exact workloads, and exact timing have not yet been determined. We estimate the maximum possible number of respondents for the listing phase at 500,000 with approximately 250,000 interviews done in late FY99 and 250,000 interviews done in early FY2000. The reconciliation phase will be conducted

in FY2000 with approximately 41,400 respondents. The estimated time per response is 3 minutes for the listing phase and 1 minute for the reconciliation phase. The total estimated respondent burden is 10,000 hours in FY99 and 10,000 hours in FY2000 for the listing phase and 690 hours in FY2000 for the reconciliation phase. (The total number of respondents for the 1999 MAF QIP could be as small as 200,000 which would decrease respondent burden proportionately.)

In addition to the above, an FY97 pilot study to test MAF QIP methodology was conducted in six counties. The procedures for this study were the same as outlined above for the 1998 MAF QIP. The reconciliation phase was still in progress at the end of FY97 and was halted due to the continuing resolution on budget. Field Representatives will resolve the remaining 3,770 nonmatched housing units in November and December of 1997 using Form S-663, Housing Unit Followup Form. The estimated number of respondents is 3,770. The estimated time per response is 1 minute. The estimated total respondent burden is 313 hours.

**8. Master Address File Update for Otero County, New Mexico**

We will update the current MAF for Otero County, NM by identifying new housing units in the area outside Alamogordo City and field list these housing units to obtain a complete mailing and physical location address. This listing will occur sometime between February and June of 1998. The new units are defined as those coming into existence after September, 1996. The new units will be identified using local administrative records (probably

building permits); we do not plan to conduct any large scale block canvass operation. The new units will be address listed using the forms and procedures described above for American Community Survey counties in operation 1, Address Listing. The estimated number of respondents is 200. The estimated time per response is 2 minutes. The estimated total respondent burden is 7 hours.

**II. Method of Collection**

The primary method of data collection for all operations will be personal interview by Census Listers or Enumerators using the operation's listing form. In some cases, the interview could be by telephone callback if no one was home on the initial visit. See part I for details for each operation.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0809.

*Form Number:* The form numbers for some activities have not yet been assigned. See the descriptions of the activities in part I for form numbers where applicable.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

Varies by operation, see chart below.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Varies by operation, see chart below.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* FY98 140,226; FY99 1,494,167; FY2000 219,824.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondents is that of their time to respond.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

Activity	FY 1998 re-spondent (\$)	FY 1999 re-spondent (\$)	FY 2000 re-spondent (\$)	Average hours per response	Responses per re-spondent	FY 1998 burden hours	FY 1999 burden hours	FY 2000 burden hours
AL .....	4,700,000	17,700,000	0	.025	1	117,500	442,500	0
AL-ACS .....	320,000	0	0	.033	1	10,666	0	0
BC .....	0	27,500,000	0	.033	1	0	916,667	0
LUCA FV .....	22,423	5,000,000	0	.025	1	561	125,000	0
U/L .....	0	0	7,500,000	.025	1	0	0	187,500
U/L-DR .....	25,000	0	0	.033	1	834	0	0
UU/L .....	0	0	334,000	.033	1	0	0	11,134
L/E .....	0	0	420,000	.025	1	0	0	10,500
MAFQIP .....	250,000	250,000	250,000	.050	1	10,000	10,000	10,000
MAFQIP-R .....	24,470	0	41,400	.016	1	658	0	690
MAF/U .....	200	0	0	.033	1	7	0	0
Totals .....	5,342,093	50,450,000	8,545,400	.....	.....	140,226	1,494,167	219,824

**IV. Request For Comments**

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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.

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Dated: January 13, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[A-405-802]

### Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Finland; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

**SUMMARY:** On July 15, 1997, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Finland (62 F.R. 37866). The review covers one manufacturer/exporter, Rautaruukki Oy (Rautaruukki), for the period August 1, 1995 through July 31, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 20, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Osborne or Linda Ludwig, Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3019 or (202) 482-3833, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 15, 1997, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 37866) the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Finland (58 FR 44165, August 19, 1993).

The Department has now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practical to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. On November 3, 1997, the Department extended the time limits for the final results in this case. See Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 62 FR 60683 (November 12, 1997).

#### Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise stated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department's regulation are to 19 CFR part 353 (April 7, 1997).

#### Scope of the Review

The products covered by this administrative review constitute one "class or kind" of merchandise: certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate. These products include hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coils and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) under item numbers 7208.40.3030, 7208.40.3060, 7208.51.0030, 7208.51.0045, 7208.51.0060, 7208.52.0000, 7208.53.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.13.0000, 7211.14.0030, 7211.14.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and 7212.50.0000.

Included are flat-rolled products of nonrectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling") for example, products which have been beveled or rounded at the edges. Excluded is grade X-70 plate. These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on the preliminary results. We received briefs and rebuttal comments from Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, a Unit of USX Corporation, Inland Steel Industries, Inc., LTV Steel Company, Inc., National Steel Corporation, AK Steel Corporation, Gulf States Steel Inc. of Alabama, Sharon Steel Corporation, and WCI Steel Inc., petitioners, and from Rautaruukki Oy (Rautaruukki), a producer/exporter of the subject merchandise. At the request of petitioners and respondent, we held a hearing on October 31, 1997.

*Comment 1:* Petitioners argue that Rautaruukki's interest revenues should be accounted for and that the Department should adjust Rautaruukki's home market sales prices to account for unreported late payment charges. Petitioners contend that Rautaruukki's stated policy of charging interest to all of its customers for late payments conflicts with Rautaruukki's assertion that in practice, its customers rarely pay interest. Petitioners note that Rautaruukki enters all interest revenues into one general account and argue that charges for late payments constitute interests revenue.

Petitioners assert that the Department confirmed at verification that Rautaruukki's financial records account for total interest revenue received in 1996, but that no information was provided for 1995. Petitioners argue that neither of the transactions cited by respondent support Rautaruukki's claim that it did not accrue and receive interest revenue. Petitioners state that the Department should employ facts available in calculating Rautaruukki's interest revenue due to respondent's failure to provide information on interest revenue earned in 1995 and its failure to identify the sales for which late payment charges were assessed. Petitioners state that, as facts available, the Department should calculate an interest revenue adjustment for all sales for which, pursuant to their terms of payment, payment was recorded as late.