

Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—9.52 hrs. avg.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Mandatory Surveys—27,636 hours. Voluntary & Annual Counterparts Surveys—5,330 hours. Total—32,970 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to respondents for all the CIR reports in Wave II for fiscal year 1998 is \$426,302.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart. The annual counterpart collects annual data from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 61, 81, 131, 182, 224, and 225.

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 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: February 25, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Export Procedures for Non-parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and Exports of Schedule 1 Chemicals 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 May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 Stephen Baker, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC was signed by the United States in Paris on January 13, 1993, and was submitted by President Clinton to the United States Senate on November 23, 1993, for its advice and consent to ratification. The CWC prohibits, *inter alia*, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons.

The U.S. is under obligation by this international treaty to impose certain trade controls and notify the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) of exports of all Schedule 1 chemicals. Therefore, the Bureau of Export Administration will require exporters to obtain an End-Use Certificate, issued by government of the importing country, prior to export of all Schedule 2 and 3 chemicals to countries not party to the CWC. BXA will also require prior notification of all exports of Schedule 1 chemicals to CWC States Parties, and annual reports of such exports.

II. Method of Collection

Written notification and recordkeeping.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Submission for new collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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Dated: February 26, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

National Defense Authorization Act; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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