

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, 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)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Exportation Report of Semiautomatic Assault Weapons.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 3, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Nancy Smith, Office of Firearms, Explosives and Arson, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Exportation Report of Semiautomatic Assault Weapons.

OMB Number: 1512-0543.

Form Number: ATF F 5300.11A.

Abstract: ATF F 5300.11A is intended to report the number of semiautomatic assault weapons made in the United States and entering into commerce. Since semiautomatic assault weapons may be constructed from foreign firearms and used firearms, the reporting instructions on Form 5300.11A are different from those used in ATF F 5300.11, (Annual Firearms Manufacturing and Exportation Report). Records must be kept indefinitely for this information collection.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,556.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 156.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the 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 of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 28, 1998.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 3, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary A. Wood, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Usual and Customary Business Records Relating to Denatured Spirits.

OMB Number: 1512-0337.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5150/1.

Abstract: Denatured spirits are used for nonbeverage industrial purposes in the manufacture of personal household products. The records are maintained at the premises of the regulated individual and are routinely inspected by ATF personnel during field tax compliance examinations. These examinations are necessary to verify that all specially denatured spirits can be accounted for and are being used only for purposes authorized by laws and regulations. By ensuring that spirits have not been diverted to beverage use, tax revenue and public safety are protected. There is no additional recordkeeping imposed on the respondent as these requirements are usual and customary business records.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,111.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 0.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the 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 of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to