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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Posting of Stockyards

Pursuant to the authority provided under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), it was ascertained that the livestock market named below is a stockyard as defined by Section 302 (a). Notice was given to the stockyard owner and to the public as required by Section 302 (b), by posting notice at the stockyard on the date specified below, that the stockyard is subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Facility No., name, and location of stockyard	Date of posting
NM-123, Southwest Live-stock Auction, Los Lunas, New Mexico.	Aug. 12, 1998

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of August 1998.

**Daniel L. Van Ackeren,**

*Director, Office of Policy/Litigation Support, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** September 15, 1998; 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

**CLOSED MEETING:** The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it

likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Massey at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**David W. Burke,**

*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census 2000—American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Decennial Communications, Decennial Management Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2002, Suitland Federal Center 352, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 457-3947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

The Census Bureau will conduct Census 2000 operations in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (collectively referred to as the Island Areas) in partnership with the government of each Island Area.

The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the Nation's population be taken every ten years. In Title 13, U.S. Code, the Congress gave the Secretary of Commerce (delegated to the Director of the Census Bureau) authority to undertake the decennial census.

The geographic scope of the decennial census is specified in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 191 as covering the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, and any other areas as may be determined by the Secretary of Commerce. In Census 2000, we also will enumerate the Pacific Island Area of American Samoa.

The Census Bureau's goal in Census 2000 is to take the most accurate and cost-effective census possible. The goal in selecting Census 2000 questionnaire content for the Island Areas is to fulfill the many statutory data requirements of Federal agencies, as well as the needs of the Island Areas to administer governmental programs. Census data are the definitive benchmark for virtually all demographic information used by the Island Areas and local governments, policy makers, educators, journalists, and community and nonprofit organizations.

Based on the Census Bureau's review of the subject recommendations submitted by the Island Areas Interagency Committees, there will be one questionnaire for the Pacific Island Areas and a separate one for the U.S. Virgin Islands. Using two questionnaires will enable the Census Bureau to address the different needs of the areas.

The Census Bureau will collect demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics from the Island Areas population. Many of the questions included on the questionnaires are the same as those on the stateside short and long-form questionnaires; others are modified stateside questions as recommended by the Island Areas Interagency Committees to reflect the unique social, economic, and climatic characteristics of these areas. There will be no sampling for content in the Island Areas; all forms distributed will be long-forms.