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- Rulemaking Report—ADA/ABA Guidelines, Proposed Rule.

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James J. Raggio,

General Counsel.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 5, 1999—9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 1999 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. "Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination for Minority Students: Federal Enforcement of Title VI in Ability Grouping Practices" Report
- VI. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: David Aronson, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of the Census****Annual Survey of Manufactures**

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)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 1999.

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(s) and instructions should be directed to Allen Foreman, Acting Chief of Manufactured Nondurables Branch, (301) 457-4810, Bureau of the Census, Room 2212, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233; and Kenneth Hansen, Chief of Manufactured Durables Branch, (301) 457-4755, Bureau of the Census, Room 2207, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau has conducted the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" AND "7", we mail and collect the ASM as part of the census of manufactures. This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by product class, inventories, and expenditures for both plant and equipment and structures. The survey provides data for most of these items for each of the 474 industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). It also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. The ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

This ASM clearance request will be for the years—1999 to 2001. There will be no changes to the information requested from respondents.

II. Method of Collection

The ASM statistics are based on a survey which includes two components, mail and nonmail. The mail portion of

the survey is a probability sample of about 55,000 manufacturing establishments selected from a total of about 225,000 establishments. These 225,000 establishments represent all manufacturing establishments of multiunit companies (companies that operate at more than one physical location) and all single-establishment manufacturing companies that were mailed forms in the 1997 Census of Manufactures.

The nonmail portion of the survey is defined as all single-establishment manufacturing companies that we tabulated as administrative records in the 1997 Census of Manufactures.

Although this portion includes approximately 155,000 establishments, it accounted for less than 2 percent of the estimate for total value of shipments at the total manufacturing level for 1997. This administrative information, which includes payroll, total employment, industry classification, and physical location, is obtained under conditions which safeguard the confidentiality of both tax and census records.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0449.

Form Number: MA-1000(L), MA-1000(S).

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses or Other for Profit, Non-profit Institutions, Small Businesses or Organizations, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 187,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondents is \$5,048,090.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 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 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: February 18, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economics and Statistics Administration

Census Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a joint meeting of the Census Advisory Committees (CACs) on the African American Population, on the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, on the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, on the Hispanic Population, the CAC of Professional Associations, and the Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The agenda will provide an opportunity for discussing the Census 2000 Partnership Program (for example, how it works and how it is coordinated with other Census 2000 programs) and for discussing model cases of partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, and they could prevent us from giving advance notice.

DATES: On Monday, March 15, 1999, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland University College, University Boulevard at Adelphi Road, College Park, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone: 301-457-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CACs on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Hispanic Populations are composed of 9 members

each, and the CAC on the Asian and Pacific Islander Population is composed of 13 members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committees provide an organized and continuing channel of communication between their representative communities and the Bureau of the Census. They assist the Bureau in its efforts to reduce the count differential for Census 2000 and advise on ways that census data can best be disseminated to communities and other users.

The CAC of Professional Associations is composed of 36 members appointed by the Presidents of the American Economic Association, the American Statistical Association, the Population Association of America, and the Chairman of the Board of the American Marketing Association. The Committee advises the Director, Bureau of the Census, on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities in relation to the areas of expertise.

The Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 35 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Advisory Committee considers the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census. The Committee provides an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Advisory Committee considers all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce for improving that census.

A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer on 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

Robert J. Shapiro,

Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Economics and Statistics Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 8-99]

Foreign-Trade Zone 26—Atlanta, GA: Request for Manufacturing Authority; Matsushita Communication Industrial Corporation of U.S.A. (Automotive Audio/Electronics and Telecommunications Products)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Georgia Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 26, pursuant to § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Matsushita Communication Industrial Corporation of U.S.A. (MCIC) (a subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Japan) to manufacture automotive audio, electronic and telecommunications products under FTZ procedures within FTZ 26. It was formally filed on February 16, 1999.

The MCIC facility (263,000 sq.ft.) is located at 776 Highway 74 South within a proposed site of FTZ 26 in the Peachtree City Industrial Park, in Peachtree City, Georgia (application pending; Doc. 22-98, 63 FR 23720, 4-30-98), some 25 miles south of Atlanta. The MCIC facility (875 employees) is used to produce: (1) automotive audio products, including electronic tuning AM, AM/FM radios, AM/FM radio/cassette/compact disk units, compact disk players and changers, cassette deck units, power amplifiers, (2) automotive electronic components, including knock sensors and navigation system monitors; and (3) telecommunications products, including digital phone systems (including voice mail, caller ID, intercom), telephone line amplifiers, pagers, cellular/cordless and mobile phones, personal communication systems, wireless local loop systems, subscriber units, and base/scanner stations for the U.S. market and export. Components sourced from abroad (representing up to 75% of total unit material value) include: self-adhesive plastic plates/foil/film, labels, copper and steel fasteners, steel springs, cable, batteries, buzzers, electronic parts (transformers, inductors, regulators, capacitors, resistors, diodes, transistors, LED's, insulators, conductors), liquid crystal displays, microphones, integrated circuits, PC boards and assemblies, electrical switches, varistors (metal oxide), loop cords, relays, jigs, potentiometers, chargers, connector plugs, heat sinks/glue, thermistors, surge suppressors, speakers, arresters,