DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 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 George A. Roff, Jr., U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2126 Building 4, Washington, DC 20233–6916 on (301) 457–1605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during nondecennial census years. The Census Bureau, under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, conducts this survey which allows us to prepare estimates of the expenditures for residential improvement and repairs. This segment of the construction industry amounted to over $120 billion in 1998. A portion of these data are collected on form SORAR–705, which is mailed quarterly to owners of rental or vacant residential properties. Since residential improvement and repairs are a large and growing economic activity, any measure of the construction industry is incomplete without inclusion of these data.

The Census Bureau uses the information to publish improvement and repair expenditures for rental or vacant properties. Data on improvement and repairs to owner-occupied properties are collected in the Consumer Expenditures Survey. Combined published estimates are used by a variety of private businesses and trade associations for marketing studies, economic forecasts and assessments of the construction industry. They also provide all levels of government with a tool to evaluate economic policy and measure progress towards established goals. For example, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the improvement statistics to develop the structures component of gross private domestic investment in the national income and product accounts.

II. Method of Collection

The universe for this survey are the owners or designated representatives of the more than 40 million rental and vacant units in the United States. A sample of these owners—i.e., those identified in the Consumer Expenditures Survey—is mailed a questionnaire to report detailed improvement and repair expenditures for their entire property. Approximately 2,800 owners are queried each quarter.

The sample design uses a rotation procedure which brings one-fourth of the sample (approximately 700 properties) into the survey each quarter and takes one-fourth out of the survey each quarter. The data collected are adjusted for unreturned or unusable forms by region and metropolitan statistical area (MSA) status. The weights are adjusted so that sample counts of renter occupied and vacant housing units agree with independently derived controls from the Current Population Survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0130.

Form Number: SORAR–705.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Businesses or Other For-Profit Organizations, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,800 per quarter.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,800.

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

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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: July 12, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Wave 1 of the 2000 Panel

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 September 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 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 Judith H. Eargle, Census Bureau, FOB 3, Room 3379, Washington, DC 20233–0001, (301) 457–3819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the SIPP which is a household-based survey designed as a continuous series of national panels. New panels are introduced every few years with each panel usually having durations of 3 to 4 years. The 2000 panel is currently scheduled for one year which will include 3 waves beginning February 2000. The duration of the 2000 panel is subject to approval of a budget initiative which may lengthen the panel to 3 years. Respondents are interviewed once every four months in monthly rotations. Approximately 11,500 households are in the 2000 panel.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single, unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic-policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983 permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central ''core'' of labor force and income questions that will remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is supplemented with questions designed to answer specific needs, such as obtaining information on taxes, the ownership and contributions made to the Individual Retirement Account, Keogh and 401K plans, examining patterns in respondent work schedules, and child care arrangements. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as ''topical modules.''

The topical modules for the 2000 Panel Wave 1 collect information about:

- Recipiency History
- Employment History

Wave 1 interviews will be conducted from February 2000 through May 2000.

II. Method of Collection

All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-respondent rules. During the 2000 panel, respondents are interviewed a total of 3 times (3 waves) at 4-month intervals making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample people (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP primary sampling unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Individuals 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these individuals move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample individual.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,150.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per person.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to respondents is their time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

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 the Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket No. 990517135–9135–01]

Change in Report Series from Print Publication to CD–ROM and Internet Access

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Publication Program Change.

SUMMARY: The Census Bureau will cease printed publication of the ''Census Catalog and Guide'' with the 1998 edition. This publication's information, and additional data, will be available as the ''Product Catalog'' on the Internet at www.census.gov. Also, the information will be distributed annually on CD–ROM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Aldrich, Marketing Services Office/Customer Services Center, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233, telephone: 301–457–1225.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ''Census Catalog and Guide'' is a comprehensive description of all data products issued by the Census Bureau. The catalog provides abstracts of CD–ROMs, publications, maps, computer tapes, diskettes, and items available via the Internet. These abstracts include the data time, the geographic scope, and the subject content, along with ordering information. For additional information about the catalog, please contact the official named above.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–821–809]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From the Russian Federation

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyn Baranowski or Carrie Blozy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3208 or (202) 482-0165, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (''the Act''), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (''URAA''). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Final Determination

We determine that hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products (''hot-rolled steel'') from the Russian Federation (''Russia'') are being sold in the United States at less than fair value