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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.  
 DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Title:* Advance Monthly Retail Sales Survey.

*Form Number(s):* SM-44(00)A, SM-44(00)AS, SM-44(00)AE, SM-72(00)A.  
*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0104.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 4,500 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,500.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Advance Monthly Retail Sales Survey (MARTS) provides an early indication of current retail sales activity at the United States level. Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve Board need to have the most timely estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA), and other government agencies and businesses use the data to

formulate economic policy and make decisions. These estimates have a high BEA priority because of their timeliness. There would be approximately a month delay in the availability of these data if this survey were not conducted. Data are collected monthly from small, medium, and large size businesses, selected using a stratified random sampling procedure. The MARTS sample is re-selected periodically, generally at two year intervals. Small and medium-size retailers are requested to participate for those two years, after which they are replaced with new panel members. Smaller firms have less of a chance for selection due to our sampling procedure. We are increasing the sample size from 4,100 to 4,500 to improve the quality of the estimates.

This request is for the clearance of four similar report forms SM-44(00)A; SM-44(00)AE; SM-44(00)AS & SM-72(00)A which will be replacing the form B-104 previously used to collect data in this survey on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) basis. The new forms will enable us to collect information on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis. All forms request similar data items but a variety of forms is needed to either address collecting E-commerce sales or the firm's specific kind-of-business.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at mclayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**Madeleine Clayton,**  
*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

**LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD AUGUST 16, 2000-SEPTEMBER 22, 2000**

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Compol, Inc .....	415 Campbell Mill Road, Mason, NH 03048	28-Sep-2000 .....	Special purpose radio receivers utilizing sub frequencies for use of targeted segments of the general public.
BGF Industries Inc .....	3802 Robert Porcher Way, Greensboro, NC 27410.	28-Sep-2000 .....	Fiberglass fabric for the electronics, automotive, aerospace and marine industries.
Nelson-Whittaker, Ltd. dba, Central Specialties, Ltd. Aneco Trousers Corporation	220-D Exchange Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. 713 Linden Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331 ...	28-Sep-2000 .....	Metal stands for trays or luggage.
Datatest, Inc .....	6850 Hibbs Lane, Levittown, PA 19057 .....	28-Sep-2000 .....	Men's trousers of wood and wool blend material.
Cozzoli Machine Company ..	401 East Third Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060	28-Sep-2000 .....	Instruments for measuring variables of liquids or gases.
Taos Drum Company .....	3956 Hwy 68, Ranchos de Taos, Taos, NM 87557.	29-Sep-2000 .....	Custom filling machinery and systems. Native drums.
Superior Gearbox Co., Inc ...	803 West Hwy. 32, Stockton, MO 65785 ...	02-Oct-2000 .....	Right-angle gearboxes and pump drives.
Santa Fe Furniture Co. dba, Taos Furniture Co.	1807 Second Street, Santa Fe, NM 87505	02-Oct-2000 .....	Furniture of wood for bedrooms, dining rooms and entertainment centers.
E&S Equipment, Inc .....	109 Skyland Drive, Norman, OK 73071 .....	02-Oct-2000 .....	Valve parts.
Electron Corporation (The) ...	5101 S. Rio Grande Street, Littleton, CO 80120.	02-Oct-2000 .....	Gray and ductile iron castings.
Sassco, Inc. dba Taku Smokeries, dba Taku Fisheries.	550 S. Franklin Street, Juneau, AK 99801	02-Oct-2000 .....	Fresh and frozen seafood.