

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Current Population Survey (CPS)—
Census 2000 Match Study**

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 March 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeline Clayton, Department of Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Siegel, U.S. Bureau of the Census, HHES-1462-3, Washington, DC 20233-8500 (paul.m.siegel@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to create a database of respondent records matched between the Current Population Survey (CPS) and Census 2000. We will use the information to conduct research on estimates of various characteristics from these two sources. This matched database will permit investigating effects of nonresponse error, coverage error, CPS month-in-sample bias, item wording, survey administration, and other forms of non-sampling error on estimates of any characteristic measured in the two surveys. Some examples are unemployment, income, poverty, and racial and ethnic identification. Its immediate uses will be in evaluating differences between Census and CPS estimates of median household income and poverty for small areas.

Most of the matches will be made through use of a computer matching algorithm and through clerical matching performed by Census Bureau employees. These matches will not impose any reporting burden. However,

there may be a significant number of unmatched cases that will require field follow-up. The interviews will be conducted to match the people living within a household at the time of the CPS interview to their Census 2000 information, or to confirm that individuals in CPS were missed in Census 2000. The interviews will *only* include questions on social, demographic, or economic characteristics that are necessary to match individuals and households in the two surveys (e.g., address, name, age, date of birth, gender, and relationship to others in the household).

Historically, the Census Bureau has conducted several studies of matched CPS and Census data. These studies include matches of CPS to the Censuses of 1960, 1970, 1980, and 1990.

This study will allow the Census Bureau to answer many questions related to the stated objectives, including:

- What is the magnitude of difference between the census estimates of median household income and poverty and those based on the March supplement to the CPS arising from each of the following sources: (1) Differences in the way in which the data are collected and processed; (2) differences in the population to which the poverty test is applied, *i.e.*, the poverty universe; and (3) the impact of undercoverage and adjustment on both the Census and the CPS estimates.

- To what degree do the census estimates of selected characteristics reflect response errors, as measured by simple response variance and response bias?

- What are the census characteristics of CPS nonrespondents? Are CPS nonrespondents similar to CPS respondents? What adjustments do the match results suggest be made in the CPS sampling or weighting procedures to better adjust for nonresponse bias?

- Which segments of the population does CPS do a good job of covering and which segments are poorly covered? What census information can be used to enhance the CPS sampling and weighting procedures to improve CPS coverage of all segments of the population?

- What are the census characteristics of the unemployed? What are the differences between census and CPS measurements of the unemployed and how do these differences relate to census and CPS characteristics?

- What is the level of month-in-sample bias for selected CPS characteristics? Are any particular segments of the population contributing disproportionately to month-in-sample

bias? What results can be used to adjust for CPS month-in-sample bias?

- How are CPS characteristics related to census data (including demographic, socio-economic characteristics)? To what degree do differences between CPS and census response provide information relevant to the “true” response (this may address issues of bias in CPS and census estimates)? To what extent can we use census data to assess the accuracy of small area estimation models for estimating CPS characteristics and improving variance estimates? To what extent can census data be used to augment small area estimation models for estimating CPS characteristics and improving variance estimates?

- Who reports race or ethnicity differently in the CPS and census?

II. Method of Collection

The field follow-up will be conducted through face-to-face interviews beginning in August of 2001 and ending by October 2001. Identifying information collected throughout the study will be held in strict confidence in accordance with Title 13.

III. Data

OMB Number: Forthcoming.
Form Number: Forthcoming.
Type of Review: Regular Submission.
Affected Public: Those residing at CPS sampled households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 625.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time taken to complete the survey.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 141 & 193.

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: January 8, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-485-803]

Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Romania: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On September 7, 2000, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise. The period of review is August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations. However, these changes did not cause the final results to differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margin for the reviewed firms is listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review."

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Baker or Robert James, Enforcement Group III—Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-2924 (Baker), (202) 482-0649 (James).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act) are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act by

the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all references to the Department of Commerce (the Department) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Background

On September 7, 2000, the Department published the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Romania. See *Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Romania: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Final Partial Rescision of Review*, 65 FR 54208 (September 7, 2000). The review covers one manufacturer, S.C. Sidex S.A. (Sidex), and one exporter, Metalexportimport, S.A. (MEI). The period of review (POR) is August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. We invited parties to comment on our preliminary results of review. On October 10, 2000, MEI/Sidex and petitioners (Bethlehem Steel Corporation and U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation) filed case briefs. These parties filed rebuttal briefs on October 17, 2000. This Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act.

Scope of the Review

The products covered in this review include hot-rolled carbon steel universal mill plates (*i.e.*, flat-rolled products rolled on four faces or in a closed box pass, of a width exceeding 150 millimeters but not exceeding 1,250 millimeters and of a thickness of not less than 4 millimeters, not in coil and without patterns in relief), of rectangular shape, neither clad, plated nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances; and certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat-rolled products in straight lengths, of rectangular shape, hot rolled, neither clad, plated, nor coated with metal, whether or not painted, varnished, or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances, 4.75 millimeters or more in thickness and of a width which exceeds 150 millimeters and measures at least twice the thickness, as currently classifiable in the HTS under item numbers 7208.31.0000, 7208.32.0000, 7208.33.1000, 7208.33.5000, 7208.41.0000, 7208.42.0000, 7208.43.0000, 7208.90.0000, 7210.70.3000, 7210.90.9000, 7211.11.0000, 7211.12.0000, 7211.21.0000, 7211.22.0045, 7211.90.0000, 7212.40.1000, 7212.40.5000, and

7212.50.0000. Included in this review are flat-rolled products of nonrectangular cross-section where such cross-section is achieved subsequent to the rolling process (*i.e.*, products which have been "worked after rolling")—for example, products which have been bevelled or rounded at the edges. Excluded from this review is grade X-70 plate.

These HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memorandum) from Joseph Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Troy Cribb, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated the same date as publication of this notice, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memorandum, is attached to this notice as an Appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in room B-099 of the Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Web at www.ia.ita.gov. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Change in the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made certain changes in the margin calculations. We have also corrected certain programming and clerical errors in our preliminary results, where applicable. These changes are discussed in the relevant section of the Decision Memorandum.

Final Results of Review

We determine that a margin of zero percent exists for sales of subject merchandise by MEI for the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999. The Department shall instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate all appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. The Department will also instruct Customs to end the suspension of liquidation for all entries of subject merchandise produced by Sidex and exported by MEI entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after August 1, 1998,