This law requires that the export of items identified on the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration’s (BXA) Commerce Control List (CCL) and the Department of State’s United States Munitions List (USML) be reported via AES. The State Department has requested to have additional data items incorporated into the AES in order to accommodate the requirements of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). In meeting these requirements, the Census Bureau is adding the following data elements to the AES record: (1) Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC) Registration Number; (2) ODTC Significant Military Equipment (SME) Indicator; (3) ODTC Eligible Party Certification Indicator; (4) ODTC USML Category Code; (5) ODTC Unit of Measure; (6) ODTC Unit of Quantity; (7) ODTC Exemption Number; and (8) ODTC Export License Line Number. These additional data items requested by the State Department will not be incorporated on the paper SED since the items must be filed through AES. The incorporation of these data items into AES will allow for the elimination of the requirement for USPPIs or authorized filing agents to submit paper SEDs to the State Department. All of these revisions are referred to as a “conditional” data elements and are not required to be reported for all transactions. These revisions should not affect the average 11 minutes response time for the completion of the Commerce Form 7525–V or the average 3 minutes response time for the completion of the AES record.

The Census Bureau will allow the trade community a grace period of 90 days (September 3, 2002) to deplete their stock of the current SED forms and make revisions to the AES. However, during the grace period the Census Bureau will allow the use of both the old and revised Commerce Form 7525–V. As of September 3, 2002, only the Commerce Form 7525–V, collecting the forwarding agent’s EIN will be accepted by the U.S. Customs Service and the Census Bureau. Furthermore, items identified on the CCL or USML currently requiring a SED must be filed via AES.

The SED form and AES electronic equivalent provide the vehicles for collecting data on U.S. exports. Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Chapter 9, Sections 301–307, mandates the collection of these data. The regulatory provisions for the collection of these data are contained in the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations, Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 30. The official export statistics provide a basic component for the compilation of the U.S. position on merchandise trade. These data are an essential component of the monthly totals on U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, a principal economic indicator and primary component of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The SED/AES also provides information for export control purposes as mandated under Title 50, U.S.C.. This information is used to detect and prevent the export of high technology items or military goods to unauthorized destinations or end users.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.


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 Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3129, Department of Commerce, room 6608, 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.


Madeleine Clayton,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.


Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides a unique multi-tasking robotic system for picking, gridding and rearanging specific cell colonies with a rapid picking rate of 3500 colonies per hour and very high throughput useful for large scale DNA sequencing projects. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum of December 3, 2001 that: (1) This capability is pertinent to the applicant’s intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant’s intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

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