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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

**Current Industrial Reports Surveys—
WAVE III (Mandatory and Voluntary
Surveys)**

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 May 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 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: Judy Dodds, Assistant Chief for Census and Related Programs, (301) 457-4587, Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2101, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233 (or via the Internet at *judy.m.dodds@census.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis and annual collections are mandatory. The collection frequency of individual CIR surveys is determined by

the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring, or the use of data in Government economic indicator series. Some monthly and quarterly CIR surveys have an annual "counterpart" collection. The annual counterpart collects annual data on a mandatory basis from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, the CIR surveys are divided into "waves." There are three waves that include the mandatory and voluntary surveys. Mandatory and voluntary surveys are divided into separate clearance requests, making six separate clearances. We are now combining the mandatory and voluntary surveys into one clearance request, reducing the total number of clearance requests from six to three. Each year, one wave is submitted for review. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave III for clearance. Also, because this is an economic census year, all voluntary annual surveys are made mandatory. The surveys are MA311D—"Confectionery", MA333N—"Fluid Power Products", and MA335L—"Electric Lighting Fixtures". MA333U—"Coin-Operated Vending Machines" is being discontinued because of a lack of funding. The surveys in Wave III are:

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary survey
M311H—Fats and Oils (Warehouse)	*M336G—Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines.
M311L—Fats and Oils (Renderers)	*MQ313D—Consumption on the Woolen System and Worsted Comb- ing.
M311M—Fats and Oils (Consumer)..	* These voluntary surveys have mandatory annual counterparts.
M311N—Fats and Oils (Producers)	
MQ313T—Broadwoven Fabrics (Gray).	
**MA311D—Confectionery.	
MA315D—Gloves and Mittens.	
MA327E—Consumer, Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Glassware.	
MA333D—Construction Machinery.	
MA333F—Mining Machinery.	
**MA333N—Fluid Power Products.	
MA334P—Communication Equipment.	
**MA335L—Electric Lighting Fixtures.	
**Voluntary annual surveys made mandatory during an economic cen- sus year.	

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. We ask respondents to return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents who have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0476—
Mandatory Surveys 0607-0776—
Voluntary & Annual Counterparts
Surveys.

Form Number: See Chart Above.
Type of Review: Regular Review.
Affected Public: Businesses, or other
for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
Total—10,756.
Estimated Time Per Response: 1.82.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:
Total—9,315 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The
estimate cost to respondents for all the
CIR reports in Wave III for fiscal year
2003 is \$142,706.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR
program includes both mandatory and
voluntary surveys.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United
States Code, Sections 61, 81, 131, 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 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: March 19, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2002 Company Organization Survey

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing efforts 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)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Hanczaryk, Bureau of the Census, Room 2747, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 457-2600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR), formerly known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-establishment companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

—First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and contact information (for example, name and address).

—Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2002 COS in conjunction with the 2002 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections so as to minimize response burden. The consolidated COS/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire BR universe of multiestablishment enterprises, which comprises some 182,000 parent companies and more than 1.6 million establishments. The primary collection medium for the COS and census is paper questionnaire; however, many large enterprises will submit automated/electronic COS reports. COS data content is identical for all reporting modes.

Primary COS inquiries to each of the 182,000 multiestablishment enterprises will include questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Additional COS inquiries will apply to approximately 5,000 enterprises that operate some 25,000 establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope to the economic census. The additional inquiries will list an inventory of those out-of-scope establishments and request updates to the inventory, including additions; deletions; and changes to Federal employer identification number, name and address, and industrial classification. Further, the additional inquiries will collect the following basic operating data for each listed establishment: end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll. The economic census will collect data for all other establishments of multiestablishment enterprises, including those items listed above.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0444.

Form Number: NC-99001.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 182,000 enterprises.

Estimate Time Per Response: .5 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 91,255.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

Included in the total annual cost of the BR, which is estimated to be \$10.2 million for fiscal year 2002.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 131, 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 of this notice will be summarized and/or