

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request**

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).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.

Form Number(s): SM-42(00).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0190.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 5,320 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,800.

Avg Hours Per Response: 7 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests a three-year extension of the current OMB approval of the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS). The MWTS canvasses firms primarily engaged in merchant wholesale trade that are located in the United States. This survey provides the only continuous measures of monthly wholesale sales, end-of-month inventories, method of inventory valuation, and inventories/sales ratios. The sales and inventory estimates produced from the MWTS provide current trends of economic activity by kind of business for the United States. Also, the estimates compiled from this survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and other business research and analysis organizations.

The estimates produced by the MWTS are critical to the accurate measurement of total economic activity of the United States. The estimates of sales made by wholesale locations represent only merchant wholesalers who take title to goods bought for resale to other companies. Wholesalers normally sell to industrial distributors, retail operations, cooperatives, and other businesses. The sales estimates include sales made on credit as well as on a cash basis, but exclude receipts from sales taxes and interest charges from credit sales.

The estimates of merchandise inventories represent all merchandise held in wholesale locations, warehouses, and offices, as well as goods held by others for sale on consignment or in transit for distribution to wholesale establishments. The estimates of merchandise inventories exclude

fixtures and supplies not for resale, as well as merchandise held on consignment which are owned by others. Inventories are an important component in the Bureau of Economic Analysis's (BEA) calculation of the investment portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, Federal Government, State, local or Tribal Governments.

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 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.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Current Population Survey (CPS) Basic Demographic Items.

Form Number(s): CPS-263, CPS-263(SP), CPS-263A, CPS-264, CPS-264(SP), CPS-264A, CPS-266, BC-1428, BC-1428(SP), BC-1433, BC-1433(SP), CPS-692, CPS-504.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0049.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 18,012 hours.

Number of Respondents: 57,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1.58 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests continued Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for the collection of basic demographic information in the Current Population Survey (CPS).

The CPS has been the source of official government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Census Bureau jointly sponsor the basic monthly survey, and the Census Bureau prepares and conducts all the field work. The Census Bureau provides the BLS with data tapes and tables. The BLS seasonally adjusts, analyzes, and publishes the results for the labor force data in conjunction with the demographic characteristics. In accordance with the OMB's request, the Census Bureau and the BLS divide the clearance request in order to reflect the joint sponsorship and funding of the CPS program.

The demographic information provides a unique set of data on selected characteristics for the civilian noninstitutional population. Some of the demographic information we collect is age, marital status, gender, Armed Forces status, education, race, origin, and family income. We use these data in conjunction with other data, particularly the monthly labor force data, as well as periodic supplement data. We use these data also independently for internal analytic research and for evaluation of other surveys. In addition, we need these data to correctly control estimates of other characteristics to the proper proportions of age, gender, race, and origin.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 020514120-2120-01]

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**Computer Technology and Software
Eligible for Export or Reexport Under
License Exception TSR (Technology
and Software Under Restriction)**

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is reviewing the current limit for use of License Exception TSR for exports and reexports of technology and software on the Commerce Control List (CCL) of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) under Export Classification Control Numbers (ECCNs) 4D001 and 4E001. These ECCNs control technology and software that can be used for the development, production, or use of computers. The goal of this notice of inquiry is to collect information from industry that will assist BIS in evaluating whether the current TSR eligibility level of 33,000 Millions of Theoretical Operations per Second (MTOPS) for exports and reexports to most countries should be adjusted, taking into consideration the control level for the export of computer equipment and the control policies of other member countries of the Wassenaar Arrangement.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments (four copies) should be sent to Sharron Cook, Regulatory Policy Division, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., PO Box 273, Room 2705, Washington, DC 20230; or one copy E-Mailed to: scook@bis.doc.gov; or faxed to 202-482-3355.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron Cook, Senior Export Policy Analyst, Office of Exporter Services, Regulatory Policy Division, Bureau of Industry and Security, Telephone: (202) 482-2440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies (Arrangement) is one of four multilateral export control regimes in which the United States participates. The Arrangement's purpose is to contribute to regional and international security and stability by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies (i.e., having civil and military uses) to prevent destabilizing accumulations of those items by countries of concern. The Arrangement establishes lists of items to which member countries are to apply export controls. Member governments implement these controls to ensure that transfers of the controlled items do not contribute to the development or enhancement of military capabilities that undermine the goals of the Arrangement, and are not diverted to support such capabilities. In addition, the Arrangement imposes some reporting requirements on its member governments.

The U.S. Government controls all items for export that are controlled multilaterally by the Arrangement. In general, the U.S. Department of Commerce administers export controls for dual-use goods and technologies controlled in the Arrangement, and the U.S. Department of State administers export controls on conventional arms.

Through the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), the Commerce Department controls the export and reexport of technology and software for the development, production, or use of computers with a Composite Theoretical Performance (CTP) greater than 28,000 Millions of Theoretical Operations per Second (MTOPS) under Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) 4E001 and 4D001 of the Commerce Control List (CCL). Such technology requires a license, for national security (NS) reasons, to all destinations except Canada. However, ECCNs 4E001 and 4D001 provide that License Exception TSR (section 740.6 of the EAR) is available for exports and reexports of such technology and software: (1) For computers of unlimited CTP to 22 countries (former member countries of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM) or former cooperating countries of COCOM) when the transaction meets certain eligibility criteria; and (2) for computers with a CTP less than or equal to 33,000 MTOPS to countries listed in Country Group B (Supplement No. 1 to part 740).

Under the Wassenaar Arrangement, there are currently three levels of sensitivity for computers and computer technology. Equipment, technology and software are controlled for computers with a CTP of 28,000 MTOPS on the Basic List, 75,000 MTOPS on the Sensitive List, and 150,000 MTOPS on the Very Sensitive List.

Historically, the U.S. has required a license for any item on the Wassenaar Very Sensitive List, and has made such items generally ineligible for license exceptions. However, in March of this year, BIS implemented a Presidential decision to allow exports and reexports of computers with a CTP of up to 190,000 MTOPS under license exception CTP to Computer Tier 3 Countries (see section 740.7(d)(1) of the EAR for a list of these countries) to reflect rapid technological advances in computing capability. The President's report to Congress stated that this change was to "promote our national security, enhance the effectiveness of our export control system and ease unnecessary regulatory burdens on both government and industry." Industry, through the Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC), has requested that BIS raise the CTP limit for license exception TSR eligibility of technology and software for the development, production, and use of these computers. One reason stated by industry is that companies need a limit for technology and software corresponding to the limit for equipment in order to provide foreign nationals working in their U.S. and foreign manufacturing plants access to this technology and software.

The goal of this notice is to collect information from industry that will assist BIS in evaluating the current control level on the export of computer technology and software.

To ensure maximum public participation in the review process, comments are solicited for the next 30 days on the effect of the current CTP limit of 33,000 MTOPS for license exception TSR eligibility of technology and software for the development, production, and use of computers. BIS is interested in comments relating to the following:

(1) What is the purpose of U.S. companies in exporting technology and software for the development, production, and use of computers with a CTP greater than 33,000 MTOPS? Are the exports for transfers to U.S. subsidiaries, branches, or joint ventures that manufacture products abroad; sales to foreign manufacturers; or largely for release to foreign nationals for work