

receives a complaint, report, or other information that alleges or indicates possible noncompliance with Title VI or its regulations. If the investigation results in a finding of compliance, DOC will inform the recipient in writing of this determination, including the basis for the determination. However, if a case is fully investigated and results in a finding of noncompliance, DOC must inform the recipient of the noncompliance through a Letter of Findings that sets out the areas of noncompliance and the steps that must be taken to correct the noncompliance. It must attempt to secure voluntary compliance through informal means. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, DOC must secure compliance through the termination of federal assistance after the DOC recipient has been given an opportunity for an administrative hearing and/or by referring the matter to a DOC litigation section to seek injunctive relief or pursue other enforcement proceedings. The DOC engages in voluntary compliance efforts and provides technical assistance to recipients at all stages of an investigation. During these efforts, DOC proposes reasonable timetables for achieving compliance and consults with and assists recipients in exploring cost-effective ways of coming into compliance. In determining a recipient's compliance with the Title VI regulations, DOC's primary concern is to ensure that the recipient's policies and procedures provide meaningful access for LEP persons to the recipient's programs and activities.

While all recipients must work toward building systems that will ensure access for LEP individuals, DOC acknowledges that the implementation of a comprehensive system to serve LEP individuals is a process and that a system will evolve over time as it is implemented and periodically reevaluated. As recipients take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities for LEP persons, DOC will look favorably on intermediate steps recipients take that are consistent with this Guidance, and that, as part of a broader implementation plan or schedule, move their service delivery system toward providing full access to LEP persons. This does not excuse noncompliance but instead recognizes that full compliance in all areas of a recipient's activities and for all potential language minority groups may reasonably require a series of implementing actions over a period of time. However, in developing any phased implementation schedule, DOC

recipients should ensure that the provision of appropriate assistance for significant LEP populations or with respect to activities having a significant impact on the health, safety, legal rights, or livelihood of beneficiaries is addressed first. Recipients are encouraged to document their efforts to provide LEP persons with meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad

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 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 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov, ((202) 482-0266).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions to Obie G. Whichard, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at obie.whichard@bea.gov, ((202) 606-9890).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-11, Annual Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, provides a variety of measures of the overall operations of nonbank U.S. parent companies and their nonbank foreign affiliates, including total assets, sales, net income, employment and employee compensation, research and development expenditures, and exports

and imports of goods. The survey is a cut-off sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates (and their U.S. parent companies) above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years by extrapolating forward similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is taken every five years. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They should be readily available to answer any number of research and policy questions related to U.S. direct investment abroad. Policy areas of particular and lasting interest are trade in both goods and services, employment and employee compensation, taxes, and technology.

The form remains the same as in the past. No changes in language, data collected, or exemption levels are proposed.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be sent each year to potential respondents in March and responses are due by May 31. A report must be filed by, or on behalf of, each nonbank U.S. business enterprise (U.S. Reporter) that owned 10 percent or more of the voting stock (or the equivalent) of a nonbank foreign business enterprise owned at least 20 percent by all U.S. Reporters of the foreign business enterprise combined, whether held directly or indirectly, for which any one of the following three items was greater than \$30 million (positive or negative) at the end of, or for, the foreign business enterprise's fiscal year: (1) Total assets, (2) sales or gross operating revenues excluding sales taxes, or (3) net income after provision for foreign income taxes.

Potential respondents are the nonbank U.S. parent companies of nonbank foreign business enterprises that reported in the last benchmark survey of U.S. direct investment abroad, which covered the year 1999, along with the nonbank U.S. parent companies of those nonbank foreign business enterprises that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are cut-off sample data. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0053.

Form Number: BE-11.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 74 hours is the average, but may vary according to the number, size, and complexity of the businesses covered by the response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 118,400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,552,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 118,400 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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: March 18, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter With Foreign Affiliate

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 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 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*, ((202) 482-0266).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions to Obie G. Whichard, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at *obie.whichard@bea.gov*, ((202) 606-9890).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate, obtains quarterly data on transactions and positions between U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises and their U.S. parent companies. The survey is a cut-off sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years by extrapolating forward similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is taken every five years. The data are used in the preparation of the U.S. international transactions accounts, the input-output accounts, and the national income and product accounts. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They should be readily available to answer any number of research and policy questions related to U.S. direct investment abroad.

The form remains the same as in the past. No changes in data collected, or exemption levels are proposed.

II. Method of Collection

Survey forms will be sent to U.S. parent companies each quarter; responses will be due within 30 days after the close of each fiscal quarter, except for the final quarter of the fiscal year, when reports should be filed within 45 days. A report must be filed for every foreign business enterprise whose voting stock (or the equivalent) is

owned 10 percent or more by a U.S. business enterprise and for which any one of the following three items was greater than \$30 million (positive or negative) at the end of, or for, the foreign business enterprise's fiscal year: (1) Total assets, (2) sales or gross operating revenues excluding sales taxes, or (3) net income after provision for foreign income taxes.

Potential respondents are the U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises that were reported in the last benchmark survey of U.S. direct investment abroad, which covered the year 1999, along with the foreign business enterprises that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are cut-off sample data. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0004.

Form Number: BE-577.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,500 per quarter; 54,000 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hours is the average, but may vary according to the number, size, and complexity of the businesses covered by the response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 67,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2,025,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 67,500 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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.