

**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a planning meeting of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee will convene at 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20002. The purpose of the planning meeting is for the Committee to discuss the draft subcommittee report and plan future activities.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments. The address is U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Eastern Regional Office, 624 Ninth Street NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. Persons wishing to email their comments, present their comments at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact Alfreda Greene, Secretary, at 202-376-7533 or by e-mail to: [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov).

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, April 2, 2009.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Economic Analysis****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies With Foreign Persons**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. June 8, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at [dhynnek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynnek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606-9826; fax: (202) 606-5318; or via the Internet at [christopher.emond@bea.gov](mailto:christopher.emond@bea.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

Form BE-45, Quarterly Survey of Insurance Transactions by U.S. Insurance Companies with Foreign Persons, obtains quarterly data from U.S. insurance companies that have engaged in reinsurance transactions with foreign persons, that have earned premiums from, or incurred losses to, foreign persons in the capacity of primary insurers, or that have engaged in international sale or purchase transactions in auxiliary insurance services greater than \$8 million (positive or negative) for the prior calendar year or that are expected to be greater than \$8 million (positive or negative) in the current calendar year. The data collected are cut-off sample data. In addition, estimates are developed based upon previously reported or estimated data for non-respondents, including those U.S. insurance companies that fall below the reporting threshold for the survey.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in insurance services, analyze its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, support U.S. commercial policy on insurance services, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Responses will be due within 60 days after the close of each calendar quarter, except for the final quarter of the calendar year, when reports are due within 90 days after the close of the quarter. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to cross-border trade in services.

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

**II. Method of Collection**

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from our Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax or e-mail.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0608-0066.

*Form Number:* BE-45.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,200.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 8 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,600.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended.

**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 will 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.