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James R. Newby,

Chief of Staff, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Gear-Marking Requirement for Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0364.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 4,270.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 10,235.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The purpose of this collection of information is to enable National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to reduce the serious injury and mortality of large whales, especially right whales, due to incidental entanglement in the United States (U.S.) commercial fishing gear. Any persons setting trap/pot of gillnet gear in some areas of the Atlantic Ocean are required to paint or otherwise mark their gear with one or two color codes, designating the type of gear and area where the gear is set. The surface buoys of this gear need to be marked to identify the vessel or fishery. These marking requirements apply in the various management areas under the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP), developed under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The goals of this collection of information are to obtain more information on where large whales are being entangled and on what type of gear is responsible for the entanglement. This information will allow NMFS to focus further risk reduction measures in certain areas or fisheries, where needed, to meet the goals of the ALWTRP. Also, fisheries observers can provide information to managers on whether regulations need to be modified to address compliance or safety issues.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *JJessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: July 10, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2013 Alternative Contact Strategy Test

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

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 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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *jjessup@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Amy O'Hara, Census Bureau, CARRA Room 6H103, Washington, DC 20233, 301–763–5757 (or via the Internet at *amy.b.ohara@census.gov).*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

Decennial censuses have relied on primarily two modes of data collection, mail and in person interview. The Census Bureau seeks to explore alternative modes of contact and collection in an effort to reduce costs and increase self-response. This research will be conducted through a series of projects and tests throughout the decade. Contact involving cellular telephone numbers, text messages, and email are under investigation, extending the Census Bureau's existing knowledge and use of mail, landline telephone, and internet modes. The 2013 Alternative Contact Strategy Test is the first test to support this research.

The Census Bureau will test alternate contact information through a self-response test. Telephone numbers obtained from commercial vendors will be used to contact 40,000 households. Information on the household's communication and contact modes will be collected. The information will be analyzed to inform future contact strategies for 2020 Research and Testing Project tests and design options for the 2020 Census.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2013 Alternative Contact Strategy Test with a national sample of 40,000 households, utilizing Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews. The Census Bureau estimates the response rate to be 65 percent. Interviewers will call households to confirm and collect contact information such as address, telephone, cell, and email.

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2013 Alternative Contact Strategy Test data collection in early winter of 2013. The specific data collection start and end dates along with the duration of the data collection period are still under consideration. The Census Bureau, however, expects that the duration of the data collection period will be about a month.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: To be determined.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4666.7 hours (280,000 minutes).

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time to answer the information request.

Respondents Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 141 and 193.

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 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: July 10, 2012.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Airline Operators' Revenues and Expenses in the United States

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. September 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via email at *jjessup@doc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Damon Battaglia 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 email at *damon.battaglia@bea.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE–9, Foreign Airline Operators' Revenues and Expenses in the United States, obtains quarterly data from U.S. offices, agents, or other representatives of foreign airline operators that transport passengers or freight and express to or from the United States and whose covered revenues or total covered expenses were $5,000,000 or more during the previous year or are expected to be $5,000,000 or more during the current year. The covered revenues are freight revenue on merchandise exported from, and imported into, the United States and shipping weights on which the freight revenues were earned. The covered expenses are expenses incurred in the United States for fuel and oil, wages and salaries paid to employees in the United States, agents' and brokers' fees and commissions for arrangement of freight and passenger transportation, aircraft handling and terminal services, aircraft (with crew) leasing expenses, and all other expenses incurred in the United States except aircraft leasing (without crew) expenses.

The data collected are cut-off sample data. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates data for non-respondents.

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

Responses will be due within 45 days after the close of each calendar 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 foreign airline operators' revenues and expenses in the United States.

There are two significant changes to the survey: (1) Two questions have been added to collect data on the number of passengers transported to/from the United States and the revenues associated with these passengers. (2) The due date for the survey has been changed to 45 days after the end of the calendar quarter from 50 days after the end of the calendar quarter. The remainder of the form is unchanged from the prior version. No changes 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 the BEA Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax, or email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0068.

Form Number: BE–9.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 72 per quarter; 288 annually.

Estimated Time per Response: 6 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,728.

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.