

charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Member of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by July 12, 2014. Written comments may be mailed to the Midwestern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8311, or emailed to Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Allen at [callen@usccr.gov](mailto:callen@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at (312) 353-8311.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Midwestern 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 Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Illinois Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above email or street address.

#### *Agenda:*

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

12:00 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.  
Barbara Abrajano, Chairman, Illinois Advisory Committee

#### **Discussion of Hate Crime Project Proposal**

12:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Changho Kim, USCCR intern  
Mrinalini Penumaka, USCCR intern  
Illinois Advisory Committee

#### **Briefing on Religious Discrimination in Prisons**

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
IL Department of Correction Chief  
Chaplain Stephen Keim

#### **Business Meeting**

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

#### **Open Session**

3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

4:00 p.m.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the University of Chicago Law School, 1111 E. 60th St., Classroom VI, Chicago, IL 60637.

Dated: May 23, 2014.

#### **David Mussatt,**

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs  
Coordination Unit.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **U.S. Census Bureau**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2014 Business R&D and Innovation Survey**

**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 or on-line comments must be submitted on or before July 29, 2014.

**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](mailto: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 Mary Potter, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD HQ-7K157, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 763-4207 (or via the internet at [mary.c.potter@census.gov](mailto:mary.c.potter@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), plans to conduct the Business

R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDIS). The BRDIS covers all domestic for-profit businesses that have 5 or more paid employees and are classified in certain industries. The BRDIS provides the only comprehensive data on R&D costs and detailed expenses by type and industry.

The Census Bureau has conducted an R&D survey since 1957 (the Survey of Industrial Research and Development (SIRD) from 1957-2007 and BRDIS from 2008-present), collecting primarily financial information on the systematic work companies were undertaking with the goal of discovering new knowledge or using existing knowledge to develop new or improved goods and services. The 2014 BRDIS will continue to collect the following types of information:

- R&D expense based on accounting standards.
- Worldwide R&D of domestic companies.
- Business segment detail.
- R&D related capital expenditures.
- Detailed data about the R&D workforce.
- R&D strategy and data on the potential impact of R&D on the market.
- R&D directed to application areas of particular national interest.
- Data measuring innovation, intellectual property protection activities and technology transfer.

The BRDIS utilizes a booklet instrument that facilitates the obtaining of information from various contacts within each company that have the best understanding of the concepts and definitions being presented as well as access to the information necessary to provide the most accurate response. The sections of the booklet have been defined by grouping questions based on subject matter areas within the company and currently include: A company information section that includes detailed innovation questions; a financial section focused on company R&D expenses; a human resources section; an R&D strategy and management section; an IP and technology transfer section; and a section focused on R&D that is funded or paid for by third parties. A web instrument is also available to the companies. The web instrument incorporates the use of Excel spreadsheets that are provided to facilitate the electronic collection of information within the companies. Companies have the capability to download the spreadsheets from the Census Bureau's Web site; Census Bureau also provides a spreadsheet that is programmed to consolidate the information for the companies so the company can simply upload this

information into the web instrument for both form types.

**II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau implements a dual-mode collection methodology that utilizes both web based and paper instruments. The BRDI-1 respondents will receive a letter at the initial mail out that instructs them to go to the Census Bureau’s Business Help Site. Once the respondents are at the Web site they can print a copy of the form, download a PDF version, download Excel versions of each section of the form or they can request that the booklet be mailed to them. They can also access the web-based instrument to submit their data on-line using the username and password that are supplied in the letter. The BRDI-1 is the more detailed collection instrument. This form or booklet is 48 pages in length; it is mailed to companies with known R&D activity greater than \$1 mil. The BRD-1(S) respondents receive the booklet instrument at the initial mail out. They also receive an informational flyer that provides instructions on how to use the web based instrument. The BRD-1(S) is a much shorter version (8 pages). It is mailed to the majority of the sampled companies where the Census Bureau has no information about the companies’ R&D activity. Companies are asked to respond within 60 days of the initial mail out.

**III. Data**

OMB Control Number: 0607-0912.  
 Form Number(s): BRDI-1 & BRD-1(S).  
 Type of Review: Regular submission.  
 Affected Public: For-profit (public or private), domestic businesses that have 5 or more paid employees and are classified in certain industries.  
 Estimated Number of Respondents:

BRDI-1—(Long Form) .....	7,000
BRD-1(S)—(Short Form) .....	38,000
Total .....	45,000

Estimated Time per Response:

BRDI-1—(Long Form) .....	14.85 hrs.
BRD-1(S)—(Short Form) .....	1.015 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 142,540.  
 Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.  
 Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 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 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: May 23, 2014.

**Glenna Mickelson,**  
 Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-999]

**Countervailing Duty Investigation of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane From the People’s Republic of China: Amended Affirmative Preliminary Determination**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this amended affirmative preliminary determination is to correct a significant ministerial error in the preliminary determination, published on April 18, 2014, that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of 1,1,1,2 tetrafluoroethane (“tetrafluoroethane”) from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 30, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Marksberry and Alexis Polovina, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202.482.7906 or 202.482.3927, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 18, 2014, we published our preliminary determination stating that countervailable subsidies are being

provided to producers and exporters of tetrafluoroethane from the PRC.<sup>1</sup> On April 21, 2014, T.T. International Co., Ltd. (“T.T. International”) and Zhejiang Quhua Fluor-Chemistry Co., Ltd., a Chinese exporter of subject merchandise, and its cross-owned affiliates (collectively “JUHUA”) (“respondents”), and Weitron International Refrigeration Equipment (Kunshan) Co., Ltd., an exporter of subject merchandise, and its affiliated U.S. reseller, Weitron, Inc. (collectively “Weitron”) filed timely allegations of significant ministerial errors contained in the Department’s *Preliminary Determination*. After reviewing the allegations, we determine that the *Preliminary Determination* included a significant error. Therefore, we made changes, as described below, to the *Preliminary Determination*.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The product subject to this investigation is 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, R-134a, or its chemical equivalent, regardless of form, type, or purity level. The chemical formula for 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane is CF<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>F, and the Chemical Abstracts Service (“CAS”) registry number is CAS 811-97-2.

1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane is sold under a number of trade names including Klea 134a and Zephex 134a (Mexichem Fluor); Genetron 134a (Honeywell); Suva 134a, Dymel 134a, and Dymel P134a (DuPont); Solkane 134a (Solvay); and Forane 134a (Arkema). Generically, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane has been sold as Fluorocarbon 134a, R-134a, HFC-134a, HF A-134a, Refrigerant 134a, and UN3159.

Merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) at subheading 2903.39.2020. Although the HTSUS subheading and CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

**Analysis of Alleged Significant Ministerial Error Allegation**

A ministerial error is defined in 19 CFR 351.224(f) as “an error in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical error resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other similar type of

<sup>1</sup> See *Countervailing Duty Investigation of 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final Antidumping Determination*, 79 FR 21895 (April 18, 2014) (“*Preliminary Determination*”).