

expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over four calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents

can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the proposed revision of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

Additionally, as part of an ongoing effort to improve data quality, maintain or increase response rates, and reduce data collection costs, CE is seeking clearance to field an Incentives/Outlets Field Test. CE plans to test the effect different incentive delivery procedures and incentive amounts have on survey costs, response rates, and data quality for the CE Interview Survey (CEQ). The results of this FY2016 Incentives Field test will be used to inform the Large Scale Feasibility test (to be fielded in 2018) as well as the overall Gemini Redesign project. Also, CE and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plan to test integrating outlet questions into the CEQ survey. Outlet data are currently collected by the Telephone Point of Purchase Survey (TPOPS). The results of the integration of outlet questions into the CEQ survey will be used to inform future CPI initiatives.

A full list of the proposed changes to the Quarterly Interview Survey and Diary Survey are available upon request.

In addition to the Incentives/Outlets test, the Consumer Expenditure program is planning several tests over the next several years in an effort to improve the CE surveys in the areas of both data quality and respondent burden.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate 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.
  - Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
  - Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.
- Type of Review:* Revision, of a currently approved collection.  
*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0050.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

**TOTAL RESPONSE BURDEN FOR THE QUARTERLY INTERVIEW AND DIARY SURVEYS**

	Quarterly	Diary	Total	Incentives/Outlets Test
Number of responses .....	30,630	35,880	66,847	.....
Total burden hours .....	25,805	32,660	58,739	370
Total burden hours including Incentives/Outlets Test .....				58,835

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of November 2015.

**Kimberly Hill,**  
 Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

[NARA-2016-006]

**Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide agencies with mandatory instructions for what to do with records when agencies no longer need them for current Government business. The instructions authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. NARA publishes notice in the **Federal Register** for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or to reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a).

**DATES:** NARA must receive requests for copies in writing by December 31, 2015. Once NARA appraises the records, we will send you a copy of the schedule you requested. We usually prepare appraisal memoranda that contain additional information concerning the records covered by a proposed schedule. You may also request these. If you do, we will also provide them once we have completed the appraisal. You have 30 days after we send you these requested documents in which to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice by contacting Records Management Services (ACNR) using one of the following means:

*Mail:* NARA (ACNR); 8601 Adelphi Road; College Park, MD 20740-6001.

*Email:* [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov).

*FAX:* 301-837-3698.

You must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and a mailing address. If you would like an appraisal report, please include that in your request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Hawkins, Director, by mail at Records Management Services (ACNR); National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road; College Park, MD 20740-6001, by phone at 301-837-1799, or by email at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. These schedules provide for timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs them to conduct its business. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

The schedules listed in this notice are media-neutral unless otherwise specified. An item in a schedule is media-neutral when an agency may apply the disposition instructions to records regardless of the medium in which it has created or maintains the records. Items included in schedules submitted to NARA on or after December 17, 2007, are media-neutral unless the item is specifically limited to a specific medium. (See 36 CFR 1225.12(e).)

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value.

In addition to identifying the Federal agencies and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority, lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or lists that the schedule has agency-wide applicability (in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency); provides the control number assigned to each schedule, the total number of schedule items, and the number of temporary items (the records proposed for destruction); and includes a brief description of the temporary records. The records schedule itself contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their disposition. If NARA staff has prepared an appraisal memorandum for the schedule, it also includes information about the records. You may request additional information about the disposition process at the addresses above.

## Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (DAA-0095-2016-0001, 6 items, 1 temporary item). Duplicate copies of aerial photographic imagery. Proposed for permanent retention are original analog negative film, digital imagery that does not exist in analog format, negative imagery indices, and film reports.

2. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid (DAA-0441-2015-0001, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master file of an electronic information system containing account information about recipients of Federal Student Aid.

3. Department of the Interior, Agency-wide (DAA-0048-2013-0008, 15 items, 4 temporary items). Policy development records relating to legislative input, compliance reporting, and rulemaking. Proposed for permanent retention are high-level policy records to include oversight, official legislative reports, public affairs, regulations, executive commissions, and media records.

4. Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (DAA-0059-2014-0025, 4 items, 4 temporary items). Records of the Office of Learning and Training, including training materials, guidance and best practice documents, evaluations, and administration records.

5. Department of State, Bureau of Energy Resources (DAA-0059-2015-0011, 8 items, 8 temporary items). Records include press guidance, publicity materials, copies of analysis and briefing materials, and public comments related to energy issues.

6. Department of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and International Organizations (DAA-0059-2015-0014, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Master file of an electronic information system used to track employee performance evaluations.

7. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (DAA-0406-2014-0003, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Records concerning a data portal used to access traffic data.

8. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (DAA-0406-2015-0002, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records relating to emergency relief program case files, including applications, fund allocation, correspondence, and reports.

9. Department of Transportation, Surface Transportation Board (DAA-0134-2013-0013, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Electronic records relating to Amtrak on-time performance.

10. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (DAA-0058-2015-0007, 1 item, 1 temporary item).

Referrals from government agencies of alleged tax violations upon which no further action is taken.

11. Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Managing Director (DAA-0173-2015-0006, 3 items, 3 temporary items). Records include worksheets and information collected from service providers related to the Telecommunications Relay Service.

12. Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau (DAA-0173-2015-0008, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Annual certification letters for telecommunications carriers.

13. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-1, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records of the Department of Justice, Civil Division, relating to the Mortgage and Lien Foreclosure Act. The records consist of temporary case files for civil actions against a holder of a defaulted mortgage or loan (1931-1948). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

14. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-2, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Records of the Department of Justice, Civil and Criminal Divisions, relating to the Federal Housing Act. The records consist of temporary case files for civil and criminal actions regarding insured mortgages and home improvement and repair loans (1934-1968). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

15. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-3, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, temporary case files for civil and criminal actions regarding eviction and delinquent rentals owed to U.S. Government owned housing programs (1938-1949). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

16. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-4, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Civil and Criminal Divisions, temporary case files for civil and criminal actions relating to the collection of farm security, rural rehabilitation and soil conservation loans made by the Farmers Home Administration (1938-1949). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient

historical value to warrant continued preservation.

17. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-5, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Civil and Criminal Divisions, temporary case files for civil and criminal actions relating to the collection of unpaid loans made by the Farm Credit Administration (1934-1949). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

18. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-6, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Criminal Division, temporary case files for criminal actions relating to the theft of U.S. Government property (1921-1957). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

19. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-7, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Civil and Criminal Divisions, temporary case files for civil and criminal actions relating to claims filed under the War Risk Insurance Act (1917-1948). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

20. National Archives and Records Administration, Research Services (N2-60-14-8, 1 item, 1 temporary item). Department of Justice, Criminal Division, temporary case files for criminal actions relating to individual impersonation or misrepresentation as Federal officers, agents, employees, and members of the U.S. Armed Forces (1921-1951). These records were accessioned to the National Archives but lack sufficient historical value to warrant continued preservation.

Dated: November 20, 2015.

**Laurence Brewer,**

*Director, National Records Management Program.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2016-18 and CP2016-24; Order No. 2840]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning

the addition of Priority Mail Contract 154 to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 3, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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#### I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 154 to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. Request, Attachment B.

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the contract, a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the product, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, a Statement of Supporting Justification, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

#### II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-18 and CP2016-24 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Contract 154 product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are

<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 154 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, November 24, 2015 (Request).