initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 1–888–601–3861 and conference call ID: 417838.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376–7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ero@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376–7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee/meetings.aspx?cid=261.

Supplementary Information: This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–298–3457, conference ID number: 5007352. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline 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.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. PST.


For further Information Contact: Ana Victoria Fortes (DFO) atafortes@usccr.gov or (213) 894–3437.

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations (41 CFR 102–3.150), the notice for this meeting cancelation is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting due to exceptional circumstance of the Committee project supporting the Commission’s 2017 statutory enforcement report.

Dated: January 9, 2017.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Monthly Retail Surveys

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 March 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW.,
Estimates from the MRTS are released in three different reports each month. High level aggregate estimates for end of month inventories are first released as part of the Advance Economic Indicators Report approximately 27 days after the close of the reference month. The sales and inventories estimates from MRTS are released approximately 44 days after the close of the reference month as part of the Monthly Retail Trade report and the Manufacturing and Trade Inventories and Sales (MTIS) report, which are released on the same day. Additionally, once per quarter, data for quarterly e-commerce sales are released approximately 48 days after the close of the reference quarter as part of the Quarterly Retail E-Commerce Sales report.

Effective with the next MRTS sample, which begins collection in December of 2017, we will be removing the Leased Department question and all impacted forms, and will no longer provide monthly estimates for this data series moving forward. All historical series including these estimates will still be available to data users.

The Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MARTS) provides an early indication of monthly sales for retail trade and food services firms located in the United States. It was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity in the United States. Retail sales are one of the primary measures of consumer demand for both durable and non-durable goods. The MARTS survey results are published approximately 14 days after the end of the reference month. MARTS provides a designated principal economic indicator and the earliest available monthly estimates of broad based retail trade activity. It also provides an estimate of monthly sales at food service establishments and drinking places. If the advance survey were not conducted, there would be a delay in the availability of these results as the results from the MRTS are not published until approximately 6 weeks after the end of the reference month.

The MARTS sample is a sub-sample of companies selected from the MRTS. The advance survey sample of about 4,900 companies are selected using a stratified design where the companies are selected by stratifying the companies in the larger MRTS sample by industry and size and selecting the desired number of cases within each size stratum using a systematic probability-proportional-to-size procedure where the size of each stratum is proportional to the size of the target population and redistributed burden for small and medium size businesses.

Advance sales estimates for each kind of business are developed by applying a ratio of current-month to previous-month sales (derived from the advance retail and food service sample) to the preliminary estimate of sales for the previous month (from the larger monthly sample). Industry estimates are summed to derive total retail sales figures.

The MARTS survey requests sales and e-commerce sales for the month just ending. As on the MRTS survey, if firms report data for a period other than the calendar month, the survey asks for the period’s length (4 or 5 weeks) and the date on which the period ended. Also similar to MRTS, the survey also asks for the number of establishments covered by the data provided and whether or not the sales data provided are estimates or more accurate “book” figures. At this time, there are no planned changes for MARTS.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the information collected on these surveys to prepare the National Income and Products Accounts, to benchmark the annual input-output tables and as critical inputs to the calculation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) need to have the timeliest estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. The Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) and other government agencies and businesses use the survey results to formulate and make decisions about economic policy.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Retail and Food Services firms in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
MRTS–10,305; MARTS–4,700.

Estimated Time per Response:
MRTS–7 minutes; MARTS–5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 19,327.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $0.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182.

V. 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.

Sheleen Dumas,
PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 161018975–6975–01]

Privacy Act of 1974, Amended System of Records

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.


SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, Title 5 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) sections 552a(e)(4) and (11); and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–130, Appendix I, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,” the Department of Commerce (Department) is issuing a notice of intent to establish an amended system of records entitled, “COMMERCE/NOAA–20, Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking (SARSAT) 406 MHz Emergency Beacon Registration Database.” Amendments (updates) were made to the Addresses, Supplementary Information, Routine Uses and Storage sections.

SARSAT is responsible for keeping and maintaining a registration database for 406 MHz emergency beacons as directed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This database contains personally identifiable information that is required to be protected by the Privacy Act, as amended. The purpose of this system of records is to provide search and rescue (SAR) authorities with information about the user of the beacon, such as the name, phone number, and emergency contact information. This information provides the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) and Mission Control Center (MCC) with the identity of the individual(s) they are searching for. Contact information so that the RCC can determine whether or not the beacon has been activated as the result of an actual emergency, and information about the vessel or aircraft. The registration information allows the RCC and MCC to resolve a distress case by telephone instead of wasting valuable resources responding to false alerts. Information may be provided to or received from international registration authorities to ensure registration information resides in the correct database based on the country code of the beacon or the mailing address of the beacon owner. This information allows SAR authorities to shorten response times, and it provides a way to cancel false alerts quickly and safely, thereby increasing safety for SAR authorities and decreasing costs to the government and the SAR system. The completed forms also contain personal identifiable information that is required to be protected by the Privacy Act. We invite public comment on the amended system in this publication.

DATES: To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 2017. Unless comments are received, the Department will publish a subsequent notice in the Federal Register within 10 days after the comment period closes, stating that the current system of records will remain in effect until publication of a final action in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: NOAA SARSAT, NSOF E/S/PO53, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NOAA SARSAT, NSOF E/S/PO53, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA’s) National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) is revising its system of records for SARSAT, which is required by the FCC under 47 CFR parts 80, 87, and 95 to maintain a registration for emergency beacons that operate on the 406 MHz frequency. SARSAT has not found any probable or potential adverse effects of the proposal on the privacy of individuals. To minimize the risk of unauthorized access to the system of records, electronic data will be stored securely with access password protected, two-factor authentication for internal System Administrators, and limited to those SARSAT program employees whose official duties require access.

COMMERCE/NOAA–20

SYSTEM NAME: Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking (SARSAT) 406 MHz Emergency Beacon Registration Database.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: None.

SYSTEM LOCATION: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 4231 Suitland Road, Suitland, MD 20746–4304

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Owners of 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), 406 MHz Emergency Location Transmitters (ELTs), 406 MHz Personnel Locator Beacons (PLBs), and 406 MHz Ship Security Alerting System (SSAS) Beacons.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Personal Identifiable Information: Beacon Unique Identifier Number (Beacon ID), beacon category, beacon manufacturer, beacon model; owner name, owner address, owner email address, owner telephone number by home, work, cellular, and fax; and name