

Census Bureau plans to conduct two follow-up mailings and an optional third follow-up if deemed necessary based on check-in. Nonrespondents may receive a certified mailing for the second and third follow-up mailings. The Census Bureau may also plan to conduct an email follow-up to select respondents reminding them to submit their report in the electronic instrument. Closeout of mail operations is scheduled for December 2019. Upon the close of the collection period, the response data will be processed, edited, reviewed, tabulated, and released publicly.

Starting with the 2019 calendar year, the Annual Business Survey will use the collection year in the survey name rather than a single reference year. The ABS includes questions from multiple reference periods and Census felt this change would better reflect the collection cycle of the survey. Therefore, the 2019 collection will be referred to as the 2019 Annual Business Survey (rather than the 2018 Annual Business Survey).

Statistics from the ABS will be used by government program officials, industry organization leaders, economic and social analysts, business entrepreneurs, and domestic and foreign researchers in academia, business, and government. Estimates produced on owner demographic data may be used to assess business assistance needs, allocate available program resources, and create a framework for planning, directing, and assessing programs that promote the activities of disadvantaged groups; to assess minority-owned businesses by industry and area and to educate industry associations, corporations, and government entities; to analyze business operations in comparison to similar firms, compute market share, and assess business growth and future prospects. Estimates produced on research and development and innovation may be used to compare R&D costs across industries, determine where R&D activity is conducted geographically, and identify the types of businesses with R&D; to contribute to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) system of national accounts; to increase investments in research and development, strengthen education, and encourage entrepreneurship; and to compare business innovation in the United States to other countries, including those in the European Union.

Additional examples of data use include:

- The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) to assess business assistance needs and allocate available program resources.

- Local government commissions on small and disadvantaged businesses to establish and evaluate contract procurement practices.

- Federal, state and local government agencies as a framework for planning, directing and assessing programs that promote the activities of disadvantaged groups.

- The National Women's Business Council to assess the state of women's business ownership for policymakers, researchers, and the public at large.

- Consultants and researchers to analyze long-term economic and demographic shifts, and differences in ownership and performance among geographic areas.

- Individual business owners to analyze their operations in comparison to similar firms, compute their market share, and assess their growth and future prospects.

Additional questions on the 2019 ABS for technology will measure the effect of technology on the workforce including, the number of workers and the skill mix of workers.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131, and 182, Title 42 United States Code, Section 1861-76 (National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended), and Section 505 within the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 authorize this collection. Sections 224 and 225 of Title 13 United States Code requires response from sampled firms.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

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#### **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 207—Richmond, Virginia; Authorization of Production Activity; Kaiser Aluminum Fabricated Products, LLC; (Aluminum Extrusions); Richmond, Virginia**

On August 29, 2018, Kaiser Aluminum Fabricated Products, LLC

submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility within FTZ 207—Site 5 in Richmond, Virginia.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (83 FR 45413-45414, September 7, 2018). On February 5, 2019, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: February 5, 2019.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### **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.

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security.

*Title:* Procedures for Submitting Rebuttals and Surrebuttals Requests for Exclusions from and Objections to the Section 232 National Security Adjustments of Imports of Steel and Aluminum.

*Form Number(s):* 0694-0141.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694-0141.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 62,823.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 62,823.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.

*Needs and Uses:* On September 11, 2018, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a second interim final rule, *Revisions to the Requirements for Submissions Requesting Exclusions from the Remedies Instituted in Presidential Proclamations Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States and Adjusting Imports of Aluminum into the United States; and the filing of Objections to Submitted Exclusion Requests for Steel and Aluminum*. This second interim final rule that was published by BIS, on behalf of the Secretary, made changes to the two