The primary sponsors of this collection and users of these data are the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The FRB uses these data in several ways. First, the capital workweek data is used as an indicator of capital use in the estimation of monthly output (industrial production). Second, the workweek data is used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align industrial production (IP) with comprehensive benchmark information in the Manufacturing Sector of the Economic Census and the Annual Survey of Manufacturers. Third, the utilization rate data assists in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflect production changes rather than capacity changes. Fourth, the time series of utilization rate data for each industry, in combination with the FRB IP data, is used to estimate current and historical measures of capacity consistent with the FRB production measures. The DLA uses these data to assess readiness to meet national emergency scenarios.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau mails letters to respondents instructing them how to report electronically. Companies are asked to respond within 20 days of the initial mailing. The due date will be imprinted at the top of the letter. A reminder email is sent a week before the due date to delinquent respondents. Letters encouraging participation are mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated due date. A final email is sent to delinquent respondents with information for reporting online. Lastly, we will conduct a telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0175. Form Number(s): MQ–C2.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection
Affected Public: Manufacturing and publishing plants.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500 per quarter.
Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours and 5 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 62,500.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0. (This is not the cost of respondents’ time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 8(b); 50 U.S.C. Section 98, et seq.; 12 U.S.C. Section 244.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[8–69–2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 46—Cincinnati, Ohio; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; MANE, Inc. (Flavor Preparations and Seasonings), Cincinnati and Lebanon, Ohio

MANE, Inc. (MANE) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facilities in Cincinnati and Lebanon, Ohio. The notification conforms to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) received on December 8, 2020. The MANE facilities are located within Subzone 46H. The facilities are used for the production of flavors and seasonings in capsule, liquid, or dry form. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components