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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) intention to request approval for a new information collection, the Equine Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 21, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Rich Allen, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Equine Survey.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to conduct an information collection.

Abstract: To improve information regarding the equine industry, several State Departments of Agriculture are expected to contract with the National Agricultural Statistics Service to conduct an Equine Survey in their state within the next 2 years. Equine activities offer unusually varied opportunities for rural development. In addition to providing the livelihood for breeders, trainers, veterinarians, and many others, the horse remains important to recreation. Equine survey data will quantify the importance of the industry in the state. The number of

operations, number of animals, and economic information will provide a focus on the importance of the equine industry to state economies. Income data provides a view of the benefits that the industry provides to the state economy and a ranking in terms of its relative importance within both the agricultural sector and the state's total economic sector. The expenditure information provides data regarding the multiplier effect of money from the equine industry, effects of wage rates paid to both permanent and part-time employees, and secondary businesses supported by the industry. These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response.

Respondents: Horse owners, breeders, trainers, boarders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40,500 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Larry Gambrell, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

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 will have practical utility; (b) 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; (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 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. Comments may be sent to: Larry Gambrell, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture,

14th and Independence Ave., SW, Room 4162 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-2000. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., October 25th, 1996.

Rich Allen,

Acting Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket No. 961104308-6308-01]

RIN 0607-XX22

1996 Company Organization Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: In conformity with Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225, I have determined that a 1996 Company Organization Survey is needed to update the multi-establishment companies in the Standard Statistical Establishment List. The survey, which has been conducted for many years, is designed to collect information on the number of employees, payrolls, geographic location, current status, and kind of business for the establishments of multiestablishment companies. These data will have significant application to the needs of the public and to governmental agencies and are not publicly available from nongovernmental or governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward D. Walker, Assistant Division Chief for Business Register, Economic Planning and Coordination Division, on (301) 457-2617.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope, type, and character of those that are covered in the economic censuses.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the proposed survey on October 18, 1996 under OMB Control

No. 0607-0444 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 104-13. Report forms will be furnished to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies of the forms are available on request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

I have, therefore, directed that the 1996 Company Organization Survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 5, 1996.
Martha Farnsworth Riche,
Director, Bureau of the Census.
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[Docket No. 961031306-6306-01]

RIN 0607-XX21

Survey of Plant Capacity

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of consideration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of the Census is considering a proposal to conduct the Survey of Plant Capacity for the years 1995 and 1996 and annually for subsequent years under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225. On the basis of information and recommendations received by the Bureau of the Census and other agencies, the data have significant application to the needs of the public and industry.

DATES: Any suggestions or recommendations concerning the proposed survey should be submitted in writing by December 13, 1996 in order to receive consideration.

ADDRESSES: Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elinor Champion, Chief, Special Studies Branch, Manufacturing and Construction Division (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plant capacity survey gathers data from a sample of manufacturing plants in the United States. The survey forms will collect data on the value of production during the fourth quarter of the year and the value of production that could have been attained if operating at full production capability. The survey will also collect estimates of production that could have been achieved under a national emergency situation. These data are used to calculate rates of utilization for each 4-digit standard industrial classification code in the manufacturing sector. The series is the

only comprehensive source of capacity utilization rates covering all manufacturing industries on a consistent basis. Data are used in monitoring inflationary pressure and capital flows, understanding productivity determinants, determining industry's ability to meet increasing demand for products in an emergency, and analyzing and forecasting economic and industrial trends. The primary Government users of the survey results will be the Federal Reserve Board, Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the International Trade Administration among others. The data collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

This survey has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 104-13. We will provide copies of the proposed form upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Dated: November 6, 1996.
Martha Farnsworth Riche,
Director, Bureau of the Census.
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Bureau of Export Administration

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee will be held December 4, 1996, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Discussion on disclosures to Iranian nationals under the Iranian Transaction Rules of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury).
4. Update on implementation of The Wassenaar Arrangement.
5. Discussion on policy developments regarding encryption.

6. Update on review of the Enhanced Proliferation Control Initiative (EPCI).

7. Update on the status of the Export Administration Act.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, TAC Unit/OAS/EA, Room 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 22, 1994, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information, call Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: November 6, 1996.
Lee Ann Carpenter,
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.
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