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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi establishment enterprises.

The SSEL serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the SSEL's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent enterprises. Further, the SSEL must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

##### II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 1998 COS similar to the 1996 COS. In 1997 the COS was conducted in conjunction with the 1997 Economic Census to minimize response burden.

The 1998 COS will direct inquiries to approximately 85,000 multi establishment enterprises, which operate 1.1 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the SSEL universe of nearly 200,000 multi establishment enterprises, which operate 1.5 million establishments.

Additionally, the panel will include approximately 1,000 new entities that have become active during 1998. The procedure for constructing the COS panel selectively targets enterprises that are most likely to report changes in organization and/or operating characteristics, and it also targets new entities that are most likely to report affiliation with multi establishment enterprises. In general, the selection of these units is based on enterprise size/complexity and administrative records indications. Additionally, the panel will include a small probability sample of the multi establishment enterprises not selected by the targeting procedure.

The survey is conducted by mail canvass. More than 300 larger enterprises (accounting for approximately 22 percent of covered establishments) return their COS reports by automated/electronic means. All other survey respondents return a paper questionnaire. Data content is identical for all reporting modes. The instrument includes inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Further, the instrument lists an inventory of establishments belonging to the enterprise and its subsidiaries, and it requests updates to the inventory, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on Federal employer identification number, name and address, industrial payroll, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0444.

*Form Number:* NC-9901.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 85,000 enterprises.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.7 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 144,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$2,023,000 @ \$14/hr.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 of U.S.C. Sections 131 and 182.

##### IV. 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.

Dated: April 16, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Bureau of the Census

##### Current Population Survey (CPS) School Enrollment Supplement; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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:** Submit written comments on or before June 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Tim Marshall, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3806.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the collection of data concerning the School Enrollment Supplement to be conducted in conjunction with the October 1998 CPS.

Title 13, United States Code, Section 182; and Title 29 United States Code, Sections 1-9, authorize the collection of CPS information. The Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsor the basic annual school enrollment questions, which have been collected annually in the CPS for 30 years.

This survey provides information on public/private elementary school, secondary school, and college enrollment, and on characteristics of private school students and their families, which is used for tracking historical trends, for policy planning, and support. This survey is the only source of national data on the age distribution and family characteristics of college students, and the only source of demographic data on preprimary school enrollment. As part of the Federal Government's efforts to collect data and provide timely information to local governments for policymaking decisions, the survey provides national trends in enrollment and progress in school.

## II. Method of Collection

The school enrollment information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular October CPS interviewing. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0464.

*Form Number:* There are no forms. We conduct all interviewing on computers.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 48,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondents is that of their time.

*Respondents' Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182; and Title 29 U.S.C., Sections 1-9.

## IV. 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.

Dated: April 16, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 21-98]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 226—Merced County, CA, Request for Manufacturing Authority Grundfos Manufacturing Corporation (Industrial/Commercial Pumps)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, California, grantee of FTZ 226, pursuant to § 400.28(a)(2) of the Board's regulations (15 CFR part 400), requesting authority on behalf of Grundfos Manufacturing Corporation (Inc.)(GMC)(a subsidiary of Grundfos International, Denmark) to manufacture industrial and commercial pumps under FTZ procedures, subject to restriction, within FTZ 226. It was formally filed on April 14, 1998.

The GMC plant (243,000 sq. ft.) is located within Site 8 of FTZ 226 at 5900 East Shields Avenue, Airways East Business Park, in Fresno, California. The GMC plant (400 employees) is used to produce liquid pumps for residential, agricultural, and industrial uses, including circulating pumps, multi-stage centrifugal pumps, submersible water pumps, and environmental monitoring well pumps. End uses include heating systems, environmental sampling, car washes, refineries, fire protection, ground water pumping. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing about 70% of all parts consumed in manufacturing) include: lubricating oils, articles of

plastic/rubber, thermoplastic resins, corrugated boxes, adhesive labels, ceramic articles, stainless steel strips, stainless/alloy steel shafts, flanges, pipe fittings, fasteners, springs, parts of pumps, housings, stators, rotors, bearings, seals/gaskets, sleeves, bushings, blades, impellers, valves and seats, couplings, electric motors, transformers, capacitors, resistors, voltage limiters, relays, switches, cable, terminal boxes, and copper wire (duty rate range: free-6.4%). The application indicates a willingness to accept a restriction requiring that all foreign-origin stainless steel mill products mentioned above shall be entered for consumption with Customs duties paid prior to admission to FTZ 226. Some 25 percent of the plant's shipments are exported.

FTZ procedures would exempt GMC from Customs duty payments on the foreign components (except stainless steel mill products) used in export production. On its domestic sales, GMC would be able to choose the duty rates during Customs entry procedures that apply to finished pumps (0.6%) for the foreign inputs noted above, except stainless steel mill products. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is June 22, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 6, 1998).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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