

containment or isolation, would not present a risk of plant pest introduction or dissemination.

In the Federal Plant Pest Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 150aa *et seq.*), "plant pest" is defined as "any living stage of: Any insects, mites, nematodes, slugs, snails, protozoa, or other invertebrate animals, bacteria, fungi, other parasitic plants or reproductive parts thereof, viruses, or any organisms similar to or allied with any of the foregoing, or any infectious substances, which can directly or indirectly injure or cause disease or damage in any plants or parts thereof, or any processed, manufactured or other products of plants." APHIS views this definition very broadly. The definition covers direct or indirect injury, disease, or damage not just to agricultural crops, but also to plants in general, for example, native species, as well as to organisms that may be beneficial to plants, for example, honeybees, rhizobia, etc.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for the regulation of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*). FIFRA requires that all pesticides, including insecticides, be registered prior to distribution or sale, unless exempt by EPA regulation. Residue tolerances for pesticides are established by EPA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces tolerances set by EPA under the FFDCA. EPA announced issuance of a conditional registration to Monsanto on May 5, 1995, for full commercialization of the plant pesticide Btt CryIII(A) delta endotoxin and the genetic material necessary for its production in potato. In addition to the registration, EPA also issued an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues of the subject plant pesticide in potatoes on May 3, 1995 (60 FR 21725-21728), as requested by Monsanto.

FDA published a statement of policy on foods derived from new plant varieties in the Federal Register on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22984-23005). The FDA statement of policy includes a discussion of FDA's authority for ensuring food safety under the FFDCA, and provides guidance to industry on the scientific considerations associated with the development of foods derived from new plant varieties, including those plants developed through the techniques of genetic engineering. Monsanto completed its consultations with FDA for Russet Burbank potato lines containing the Btt cryIII(A) gene and has initiated consultations with

FDA for the Superior and Atlantic potato lines that are the subject of this notice.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition and any comments received are available for public review, and copies of the petition may be ordered (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice). After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. Based on the available information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the regulatory status of Monsanto's Superior potato lines SPBT02-5 and SPBT02-7 and Atlantic potato lines ATBT04-6, ATBT04-27, ATBT04-30, ATBT04-31, and ATBT04-36, and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-167, and 1622n; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of January 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Questionnaire Pretesting Research Addendum

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Margaret Woody, 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 Theresa J. DeMaio, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Room 3127, FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-9150, (301) 457-4894.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract: This research program is used by the Census Bureau and survey sponsors to improve questionnaires and procedures, reduce respondent burden, and ultimately increase the quality of data collected in the Census Bureau censuses and surveys. The clearance is a generic approval for this type of work with an annual respondent burden hour ceiling. The Census Bureau is planning a revision to the program to include quick tests for improving the 2000 Decennial Census of Population and Housing. The additional tests will add 7,500 respondent burden hours to the clearance on an annual basis.

II. Method of Collection: Mail, telephone, face-to-face.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0725.

Form Number: Various.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Farms, Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no way to anticipate the actual number of participants, length of interview, and/or mode of data collection for the survey and census activities to be conducted under this clearance. Given that the "quick testing" includes refining or improving upon positive or unclear results from other tests or new ideas, it is impossible to estimate in advance the cost to the Federal government. But the overall goal of this revision is to give the Census Bureau opportunities to do quick testing that will yield information to reduce overall costs of the 2000 decennial census program.

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: January 16, 1996.
Margaret Woody,
Office of Management and Organization.
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Supplemental Questions on Child Support Expenditures for the April 1996 Current Population Survey

ACTION: Proposed agency information collection activity; 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Margaret Woody, Department of Commerce, Room 5310, 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 Francia McDaniel, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an additional separate set of questions about child support expenditures at the end of the April 1996 supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS). This supplement currently focuses on child support received. Once collected, these data on child support payments will be

used in conjunction with income data collected in the March supplement to the CPS. The purpose is to help refine the concept of income resources available to families, and is one aspect of the Government's large-scale investigation into new methods of determining poverty.

We will ask the new set of questions on child support expenditures in addition to the supplemental questions on child support receipts (submitted separately) to avoid undue processing and respondent burden that would arise by placing them at the end of the March CPS. We will consider these items to be administrative data for the March CPS for internal use by the Census Bureau research staff. These data will not be disseminated on the April public use file. In terms of respondent burden of the April 1996 CPS, only a small number of families will be eligible to answer both existing and new sections of the supplement.

II. Method of Collection

This supplemental information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. All interviews are conducted using computers.

III. Data

OMB Number: New collection; none assigned yet.

Form Number: There are no forms associated with this supplement. We conduct all interviewing on computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .25 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 196.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$30,000.

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.

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Margaret Woody,
Office of Management and Organization.
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Bureau of Export Administration

[Docket No. 96-0111007-6007-01]

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Temporary Extension of Export License Validity Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's (DOC) Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) requires validated licenses for the export of certain items that are controlled based on national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation and short supply considerations. These controls are set forth in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) 15 CFR parts 730-799. A validated license is generally valid for 24 months from the last day of the month during which it issued.

By this notice, BXA hereby extends for a period of two months the validity period of all individual validated licenses (IVL) that expired on December 31, 1995 or will expire by January 31, 1996 (e.g., an IVL that expired on December 31, 1995 is valid until February 29, 1996). This action is being taken pursuant to § 772.12 of the EAR and is designed to facilitate exports that have been previously approved by BXA but were not shipped prior to the expiration of the license validity period. All conditions that applied to the expired IVL continue to apply for the period of the extension.

BXA anticipates that the temporary extension of the IVL validity period will assist exporters who were not able to file applications during the period that BXA was not open for regular business operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eileen M. Albanese, Director, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Export Administration, Tel: (202) 482-4532; Fax (202) 482-3322.