

Bureau of the Census, Room 2101, FB-4, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 457-4587.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The 1997 Distribution of Sales by Class of Customer is part of, and supplemental to, the 1997 Census of Manufactures. The report is done on a 10 year cycle for years ending in "7." The data tabulated from this survey are used by the Government, the academic community, and the private sector. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is the principal Government user. The BEA uses the data as input to its National Income and Product Accounts.

Respondents, chosen from the 1997 Census of Manufactures, will receive record forms with their total product shipments data imprinted on the forms based on data they reported in the census. Multi-unit establishments are asked what portion of their shipments were to other establishments of their company and what portion of their shipments were to establishments not of their company. They are further asked to break out these data for the portions going to wholesale, retail, manufacturing, government, and other. The single-unit form is similar, except respondents are not asked about other establishments of their company.

II. Method of Collection

Data are collected using two survey forms, one for single-unit establishments the other for multi-unit establishments. The panel is chosen from all mailed establishments in the 1997 Census of Manufactures using probability proportionate to size. The panel is also stratified by single-unit/multi-unit by 6-digit North American Industry Classification (NAICS) industry to assure that all NAICS industries are properly represented.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Numbers: MC-9601, MC-9602.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 20,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

\$258,600 at \$12.93 per hour.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 131 and 224.

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 30, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee will be held May 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to sensors and instrumentation equipment and technology.

Agenda

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Update on Wassenaar Arrangement List review.
3. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.

Executive Session

4. 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 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, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series 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 10(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, DC 20230. For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is hereby providing interested parties an opportunity to comment on proposed procedures to administer and enforce the uranium matched sales annual quotas. All Comments are due to the

Department of Commerce within 30 days of publication of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Doyle or Letitia Kress, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Office VII, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-0159 or (202) 482-6412, respectively.

Background: Under the matched sale amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation (57 FR 15373), the Department has been administering quotas on a quota year basis, April 1 through March 31. On March 6, 1998, the Department received a request from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of certain of its members requesting that the Department revise its practice and administer the matched-sales quota on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31 (see attached annex for details).

The Department is soliciting comments of parties regarding this change in administrative practice, and the two subsidiary issues which would be generated. The first is the effect the change would have on the existing allocations of quota, and the second would be the necessity to arrive at a proper accounting for the periods April 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and January 2004 through March 2004.

Opportunity to Submit Comments: Prior to reaching a final decision on this issue, the Department is providing an opportunity for full participation on the record to all parties wishing to comment. Accordingly, not later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, parties may submit comments with respect to the matched sales delivery year issue. Seven copies of the comments should be submitted to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. All comments provided to the Department in response to this notice will be subject to release under Administrative Protective Order in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34. Therefore, all comments must properly identify information the submitter would like treated as business proprietary, and be accompanied by a properly bracketed public version. The Department will meet with affected or interested parties upon request to fully explain the procedures contained in the Annex to this notice.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty—Group III.

Annex—Proposed Procedures for Changing the Matched Sales Delivery Year From a Quota Year Method to a Calendar Year Basis

Under the current matched sales system, the Department has been

administering quota years running from April 1st to March 31st of the following year. On March 6, 1998, NEI noted in its submission that a calendar-year quota would make tracking operational or contractual flexibilities for both buyers and sellers of uranium more consistent with their other internal tracking systems. Therefore, NEI proposed that the current quota year be changed to a calendar-year basis (January 1st through December 31st year). (See letter from NEI to Department on March 6, 1998, on record at the Department of Commerce room B-099.) In implementing such a change, two issues arise. The first is the change to the existing allocations of used quota. The second is the proper treatment of two specific periods, April 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, and January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

Table 1 illustrates how the Department would reconcile the used quota limitations under the existing and proposed systems. Though the amount of used quota allocated to two periods, 1996 and 1997, would change under the new system, the overall totals do not. NEI notes that this reconciliation of historical transactions specifying deliveries in 1996 and 1997 does not affect the commercial balance among competing suppliers as marketing opportunities have long passed. Furthermore, no quota limitations would be exceeded in the reallocation. Table 1:

Quota year based accounting	QY volume used	Calendar year based accounting	CY volume used	Quota limitations
4/1/96–3/31/97	1,056,132	4/1/96–12/31/96	448,632	1,930,000
4/1/97–3/31/98	645,879	1/1/97–12/31/97	1,253,379	2,710,000
4/1/98–3/31/99	1,150,121	1/1/98–12/31/98	1,150,121	3,600,000
4/1/99–3/31/00	722,001	1/1/99–12/31/99	722,001	4,040,000
4/1/00–3/31/01	685,001	1/1/00–12/31/00	685,001	4,230,000
4/1/01–3/31/02	150,000	1/1/01–12/31/01	150,000	4,040,000
4/1/02–3/31/03	.....	1/1/02–12/31/02	.....	4,890,000
4/1/03–3/31/04	.....	1/1/03–3/31/04	.....	4,300,000
Total	4,409,134	.....	4,409,134	

As set forth in the March 11, 1994 amendment to the Suspension Agreement, matched sales delivery quotas began April 1, 1996, and will expire March 31, 2004. However, neither the period April 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996 nor the period January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004, which are currently

seamlessly covered under the Department's existing quota year methodology, can fit a calendar year methodology absent modification. To resolve this issue, NEI proposed designating 1996 as a "short" quota year, starting April 1, 1996 and ending December 31, 1996. In addition, NEI proposed that 2003 be designated a

"long" quota year, beginning January 1st of that year and ending March 31, 2004. This accounting method is reflected in the CY Volume Used column in Table 1.

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