

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before June 18, 1998 to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Field Representative Exit Questionnaire

ACTION: 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 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 Geraldine Burt, Census/Field Division, Room 1684/FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-4400, and 301-457-1935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Retention of trained field interviewing staff is a major concern for the Census Bureau because of both the monetary costs associated with employee turnover, as well as the potential impact on data quality. The Field Representative Exit Survey is used to collect data from a sample of our former current survey interviewers (field representatives) and Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU) and Quality Check (QC) interviewers (enumerators) employed during census operations. The purpose of the survey is to determine the reasons for interviewer turnover and what the Bureau might have done or do to influence interviewing staff not to leave.

In addition to using form BC-1294 to collect data from field representatives who have left the Bureau, we will use Form BC-1294(D) to collect data from dress rehearsal and census enumerators on the factors that affected their decision as to whether to stay with an operation until it was completed. Since the nature of census enumerator work differs from current surveys interviewing (short term, intensive and concentrated work rather than continuing and diverse) we could not use the existing questionnaire, "as-is." The questions and response choices on the BC-1294(D) have been tailored to census operations and are more in-depth, although they cover largely the same topics as the BC-1294.

Additionally, questions about a supplemental pay plan are included on the BC-1294(D). The 1998 Dress Rehearsal is the Bureau's final opportunity to test its planned operations and procedures in a simulated census environment in preparation for the 2000 Census. Interviewer turnover is of heightened concern during a decennial census because of the short time periods for data collection operations. Because of this heightened concern, Form BC-1294(D) was recently added to this clearance.

The information collected via the survey will help the Census Bureau develop plans to reduce turnover in its current survey and decennial interviewing staff. This in turn should allow for better informed management decisions regarding the field work force and the implementation of more effective pay plans and interviewer training for both current and decennial interviewers. Prior research has suggested a need for a more flexible pay plan for the decennial interviewing staff in order to recruit sufficient number of

interviewers and reduce turnover. As part of the 1998 Dress Rehearsal, the Census Bureau will be testing a supplemental pay plan in which pay rates are tied to the local labor market and based partially on interviewer performance and whether interviewers stay to complete their assignments. Questions on the experimental decennial pay plans asked of dress rehearsal enumerators will be used to determine the impact of the variable and supplemental pay rates on enumerator turnover as well as the impact and effectiveness of decennial enumerator training.

II. Method of Collection

The data will be collected by telephone. Interviews with former field representatives should take no more than five (5) minutes. Because of the in-depth nature of some of the questions on the BC-1294(D) and the additional questions on the experimental decennial pay plans, interviews with former NRFU and QC enumerators should take no more than fifteen (15) minutes. We estimate that interviews will be conducted with a total of 160 field representatives and about 2,500 enumerators on a yearly basis.

For former field representatives: Approximately every month, a sample of one-half of all interviewers who voluntarily resigned within the period will be contacted by telephone to complete a questionnaire.

For 1998 Dress Rehearsal enumerators: Beginning approximately two weeks after the start of NRFU and QC operations, all enumerators who have continuously been in a non-pay status for a period of two weeks will be contacted by telephone to complete a questionnaire.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0404.

Form Number: BC-1294, BC-1294(D).

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Former Bureau Interviewers (Field Representatives and Enumerators).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 160 Former Current Survey Interviewers; 2,500 Former Dress Rehearsal Enumerators.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes for former current survey interviewers; 15 minutes for dress rehearsal enumerators.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13 hours for former current survey interviewers; 625 hours for dress rehearsal enumerators; Total is 638 hours.

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

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 5 USC, Section 3101 and Title 13 USC Section 23.

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: May 12, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Procedure to Initiate an Investigation Under the Trade Expansion Act of 1962

ACTION: 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: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 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 Margaret Cahill, Trade and Industry Analyst, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-3795).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Upon request, the Department of Commerce shall initiate an investigation to determine the effects of imports of certain commodities on the national security, and will make the findings known to the President for possible adjustments to imports through tariffs. The findings are made publicly available and are reported to Congress. The purpose of this collection of information is to account for the public burden associated with submitting such a request from any interested party, including other government departments or by the Secretary of Commerce.

II. Method of Collection

In written form. A request or application shall describe how the quantity, availability, character and uses of a particular imported article, or other circumstances related to its import affect the national security.

III. Data

OMB Number: N/A.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission of a collection in use without OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses, other for-profit institutions, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$480 for respondents—no equipment or other materials will need to be purchased to comply with the requirement.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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 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: May 13, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Summit Marketing, Inc., Order Denying Permission To Apply for or Use Export Licenses

In the Matter of: Summit Marketing, Inc., 52 Blackburn Center, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930.

On September 26, 1997, Summit Marketing, Inc. was convicted in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on four counts of violating Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (currently codified at 22 U.S.C.A. § 2778 (1990 & Supp. 1998)) (the AECA). Specifically, Summit Marketing, Inc. was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting and attempting to export defense articles to France, for transshipment to Iran, without obtaining the required export licenses from the Department of State.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1998)) (the Act),¹ provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,² no person convicted of violating the AECA, or certain other provisions of the United States Code, shall be eligible to apply for or use any license, including any

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 C.F.R., 1994 comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 C.F.R., 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)), August 14, 1996 (3 C.F.R., 1996 Comp. 298 (1997)), and August 13, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 43629, August 15, 1997), continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1998)).

² Pursuant to appropriate delegations of authority, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, exercises the authority granted to the Secretary by Section 11(h) of the Act.