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**Warren P. Preston,**

*Acting Director, Office of Policy Litigation/Support, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Posting of Stockyards

Pursuant to the authority provided under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), it was ascertained that the livestock market named below is a stockyard as defined by Section 302 (a). Notice was given to the stockyard owner and to the public as required by Section 302 (b), by posting notice at the stockyard on the date specified below, that the stockyard is subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Facility No., name, and location of stockyard	Date of posting
NM-123, Southwest Livestock Auction, Los Lunas, New Mexico.	Aug. 12, 1998

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of August 1998.

**Daniel L. Van Ackeren,**

*Director, Office of Policy/Litigation Support, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** September 15, 1998; 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

**CLOSED MEETING:** The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it

likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Massey at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: September 1, 1998.

**David W. Burke,**

*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census 2000—American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

**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 November 2, 1998.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Decennial Communications, Decennial Management Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2002, Suitland Federal Center 352, Washington, DC 20233-0001, (301) 457-3947.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Abstract

The Census Bureau will conduct Census 2000 operations in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (collectively referred to as the Island Areas) in partnership with the government of each Island Area.

The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the Nation's population be taken every ten years. In Title 13, U.S. Code, the Congress gave the Secretary of Commerce (delegated to the Director of the Census Bureau) authority to undertake the decennial census.

The geographic scope of the decennial census is specified in Title 13 U.S.C., Section 191 as covering the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, and any other areas as may be determined by the Secretary of Commerce. In Census 2000, we also will enumerate the Pacific Island Area of American Samoa.

The Census Bureau's goal in Census 2000 is to take the most accurate and cost-effective census possible. The goal in selecting Census 2000 questionnaire content for the Island Areas is to fulfill the many statutory data requirements of Federal agencies, as well as the needs of the Island Areas to administer governmental programs. Census data are the definitive benchmark for virtually all demographic information used by the Island Areas and local governments, policy makers, educators, journalists, and community and nonprofit organizations.

Based on the Census Bureau's review of the subject recommendations submitted by the Island Areas Interagency Committees, there will be one questionnaire for the Pacific Island Areas and a separate one for the U.S. Virgin Islands. Using two questionnaires will enable the Census Bureau to address the different needs of the areas.

The Census Bureau will collect demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics from the Island Areas population. Many of the questions included on the questionnaires are the same as those on the stateside short and long-form questionnaires; others are modified stateside questions as recommended by the Island Areas Interagency Committees to reflect the unique social, economic, and climatic characteristics of these areas. There will be no sampling for content in the Island Areas; all forms distributed will be long-forms.

In the process of developing our data collection forms, the Census Bureau has tried to reduce respondent burden in two ways: (1) including only those questions that are explicitly required in Federal or local law or whose use is strongly implied by the data requirements in the law—both forms have fewer questions than their 1990 counterparts, and (2) working through the decade developing forms that are easy to understand and fill out.

## II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will develop and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Governor of each of the Island Areas that outlines the mutual roles and responsibilities of each party in the conduct of Census 2000 for each Island Area.

The Census Bureau will conduct a blanket mailing of unaddressed questionnaires to postal patrons in each of the Island Areas. Housing units also will receive an advance letter before questionnaire delivery. Enumerators will visit each housing unit and pick up a completed questionnaire or conduct an interview if the respondent did not complete the questionnaire. They also will develop an address list for the area and spot each housing unit's location on a map at the time of enumeration. This operation is called list/enumerate.

The Census Bureau plans to take the following additional steps to improve response to the census:

- Encourage the Island Areas governments to build partnerships with local government agencies and community groups to alert them to problems and advise them about opportunities to publicize Census 2000 and the best ways to communicate the message.
- Motivate individuals to respond (by explaining the benefits and mandatory nature of the census) and make Census 2000 forms attractive, easy to understand, and simple to fill out.
- Employ new methods to find and enumerate people, such as enumerating persons who use services at shelters and other facilities and placing unaddressed "Be Counted" forms in publicly accessible locations such as community centers for pick up and completion by people who believe that they have not been counted in the census.
- Make greater use of the telephone as a data collection tool.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* Not available.

*Form Numbers:*

*Advance Census Report Long Form:* D-13 (AS), D-13 (CNMI), D-13 (G), D-13 (VI).

*Enumerator Questionnaire Long Form:* D-2E (AS), D-2E (CNMI), D-2E(G), D-2E (VI).

*Enumerator Questionnaire Supplement:* D-2(E) SUPP AS, D-2(E) SUPP CNMI, D-2(E) SUPP G, D-2(E) SUPP VI.

*"Be Counted" Forms:* D-10(AS), D-10 (CNMI), D-10(G), D-10(VI).

*Individual Census Reports:* D-20B (PI), D-20B (VI).

*Military Census Report:* D-21 (PI).  
*Letters/Cards/Notices:* D-1(F) PI, D-1(F) VI, D-5(L) AS, D-5 (L) CNMI, D-5(L) G, D-5(L) VI, D-13(L) AS, D-13(L) CNMI, D-13(L) G, D-13 (L) VI, D-26 (PI), D-26(VI), D-31 (PI), D-31(VI), D-3309.

**Note:** American Samoa (AS), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam (G), and Virgin Islands (VI).

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,440 households in American Samoa, 12,560 households in CNMI, 36,530 households in Guam, 38,310 households in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* AS Long Form: 62 minutes; CNMI Long Form: 45 minutes; G Long Form: 41 minutes; VI Long Form: 40 minutes; All Areas Vacants: 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* AS Long Form: 10,834 hours; CNMI Long Form: 9,620; G Long Form: 25,335 hours; VI Long Form: 26,262 hours; Total: 72,051 hours.

**Note:** Although the questionnaire content is the same for the Pacific Island Areas, the respondent burden differs for each area because of the expected household size.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The only cost to respondent is their time.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 141 and 191.

## 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; 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; the comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economics and Statistics Administration

#### Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, Pub. L. 96-523, and Pub. L. 97-375), we are giving notice of a meeting of the Commerce Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee. The meeting will convene on September 24-25, 1998, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee will continue to review and discuss Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal operations and procedures as well as Census 2000, including plans for the language program. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, and they could prevent us from giving advance notice.

**DATES:** On Thursday, September 24, 1998, the meeting will begin around 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m. On Friday, September 25, 1998, the meeting will begin around 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anyone wishing additional information about this meeting, or who wishes to submit written statements, may contact Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and up to 35 member organizations, all appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee