

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

will consider the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census. The Committee will provide an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

A brief period will be set aside at the close of the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelby Folger at 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Robert J. Shapiro,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Determinations: Stainless Steel Round Wire from Canada, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain, and Taiwan

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gabriel Adler or Thomas Schauer, Offices of AD/CVD Enforcement II and III, respectively, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1442 or (202) 482-4852, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On May 6, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping investigations of stainless

steel round wire from Canada, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain, and Taiwan. The notice stated we would issue our preliminary determinations no later than September 23, 1998. On August 24, 1998, pursuant to section 733(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), ACS Industries, Inc., Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Branford Wire & Manufacturing Company, Carpenter Technology Corp., Handy & Harman Specialty Wire Group, Industrial Alloys, Inc., Loos & Company, Inc., Sandvik Steel Company, Sumiden Wire Products Corporation, and Techalloy Company, Inc. (the petitioners) requested that the Department postpone for 50 days the issuance of the preliminary determinations in these investigations. Given that (1) the petitioners' request for postponement was timely and (2) the Department finds no compelling reason for the request to be denied, we are postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations until no later than November 12, 1998.

This extension is in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2).

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend Certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder

and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 85-7A018."

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 85-00018 was issued to U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA") on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986) and subsequently amended on January 16, 1990 (55 FR 2543, January 25, 1990); November 13, 1990 (55 FR 48664, November 21, 1990); September 22, 1993 (58 FR 51061, September 30, 1993); June 28, 1994 (59 FR 34411, July 5, 1994); and April 10, 1997 (62 FR 18586, April 16, 1997).

Summary of the Application

Applicant: U.S. Shippers Association, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Contact: James R. Atwood, Legal Counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-6000.

Application No.: 85-7A018.

Date Deemed Submitted: August 26, 1998.