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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on January 5, 1999 in Grants Pass, Oregon at the Josephine County Fairgrounds, 1451 Fairgrounds Road. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) local issues presentation by management representatives of the Siskiyou National Forest; (2) Public comment; (3) Applegate Adaptive Management Area Guide; and (4) Discussion by Advisory Committee members about content of Province Advisory Committee meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone (541) 858-2322.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Charles J. Anderson,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Title: Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States.

Form Number(s): BE-15(LF), BE-15(SF), BE-15 Supplement C.

Agency Approval Number: 0608-0034.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 128,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4,975.

Avg Hours Per Response: 26 hours.

Needs and Uses: The annual survey collects enterprise-level data on the financial and operating characteristics of U.S. companies that are foreign-owned. Data from the survey are used to derive universe estimates covering all foreign-owned U.S. companies. The data are needed to measure the economic significance of, and monitor changes in, foreign direct investment in the United States, and to analyze its effect on the U.S. economy. They will also be used in formulating, and assessing the impact of, U.S. policy on foreign direct investment.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually (except years in which a BE-12 benchmark survey is taken).

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 22 U.S.C., Sections 3101-3108, as amended.

OMB Desk Officer: Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

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 Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Statement by Ultimate Consignee and Purchaser

Agency Form Number: BXA-711.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0021.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

Burden: 4,022 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 31 minutes per response.

Number of Respondents: 7,785 respondents.

Needs and Uses: The Form BXA-711 or letter puts the importer on notice of the special nature of the goods and receive a commitment against illegal disposition. In order to effectively control commodities, BXA must have sufficient information regarding the end-use and end-user of the U.S. origin commodities to be exported. The information will assist the licensing officer in making the proper decision on whether to approve or reject the application for the license.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202)-395-7340.

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 within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Export Trading Companies Contact Facilitation Service.

Agency Form Number: ITA 4094P.

OMB Number: 0625-0120.

Type of Request: Regular Submission.

Burden: 4,750 hours.

Number of Respondents: 9,500.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Contact Facilitation Service (CFS) is designed to put producers together with exporters. Many U.S. firms have never exported because of a fear of the risks involved in exporting and a lack of knowledge of the international marketplace. New-to-export firms need the assistance of firms offering export trade services. One of the purposes of the Export Trading Company (ETC) Act of 1982 is to increase United States exports of goods and services by encouraging more efficient provision of export trade services to U.S. producers and suppliers. Section 104 of the Act directs Commerce to provide a service to facilitate contact between producers of exportable goods and services and firms offering export trade services.

The International Trade Administration (ITA) maintains a database of U.S. manufacturers, export trading and management companies, wholesalers/distributors, and international service firms. The CFS is designed to help promote exports and enable U.S. producers to locate ETCs and export services providers. Companies registered in the database are also listed in annual editions of the *U.S. Department of Commerce—U.S. Exporters' Yellow Pages™* (formerly known as The Export Yellow Pages) which are distributed throughout the United States and worldwide. Without the information collected by the form, the CFS and *U.S. Department of Commerce—U.S. Exporters' Yellow Pages™* would be unreliable and

ineffective, because users of this kind of information need the current information about the listed companies.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal Governments.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit, voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Current Industrial Reports Surveys— WAVE III (Mandatory and Voluntary Submissions)

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 February 22, 1999.

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: Kenneth Hansen, Chief of

Manufactured Durables Branch, (301) 457-4755, Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2207, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233 or: Robert Reinard, Acting Chief of Manufactured Nondurables Branch, (301) 457-4637, Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2208, Building #4, Washington, DC 20233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart. The annual counterpart collects annual data from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

In 1998, the Census Bureau converted the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) survey form names to reflect the switch from the old U.S. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For example, the M37G under the old SIC system will convert to M336G under the NAICS.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes we group the surveys into three Waves. The mandatory and voluntary surveys in each Wave are separately submitted. Thus, a total of six clearances cover all of the surveys in the CIR program. One Wave is submitted for reclearance each year. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave III for clearance. The surveys in Wave III are as follows:

Mandatory Surveys

MQ313T—Broadwoven Fabrics (Gray)
MA315D—Gloves and Mittens