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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.

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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

MA327E—Consumer, Scientific, Technical,  
and Industrial Glassware  
MA333D—Construction Machinery  
MA333F—Mining Machinery  
MA333J—Selected Pollution Control  
Equipment  
MA334P—Communication Equipment

#### *Voluntary Surveys*

- M336G—Civil Aircraft & Aircraft Engines
- MQ313D—Consumption on Woolen  
System and Worsted Combing
- These voluntary surveys have mandatory  
annual counterparts.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The Census Bureau will use mail out/  
mail back survey forms to collect data.  
We ask respondents to return monthly  
report forms within 10 days, quarterly  
report forms within 15 days, and annual  
report forms within 30 days of the  
initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or  
letters encouraging participation will be  
mailed to respondents that have not  
responded by the designated time.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0476—  
Mandatory Surveys; 0607-0776—  
Voluntary & Annual Counterparts  
Surveys.

*Form Number:* Set Chart Above.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Other for  
Profit, or Organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
Mandatory Surveys—3,793; Voluntary &  
Annual Counterparts Surveys—913  
Total—4,706.

*Estimated Time Per Response:*  
Mandatory Surveys—.89 hrs. avg.;  
Voluntary & Annual Counterparts  
Surveys—1.64 hrs. avg.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*  
Mandatory Surveys—2,644 hours;  
Voluntary & Annual Counterparts  
Surveys—484 hours Total—3,128 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The  
estimated cost to respondents for all the  
CIR reports in Wave III for fiscal year  
2000 is \$41,415.

*Respondent's Obligation:* The CIR  
program includes both mandatory and  
voluntary surveys.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13, United States  
Code, Sections 81, 131, 182, 224, and 225.

## **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 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.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of the Census**

#### **Informal Caregiver Survey (ICS) Component of the 1999 Long Term Care Survey (LTC)**

**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  
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collections, as required by the  
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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 Sarah Higgins, Bureau of  
the Census, FOB 3, Room 3356,  
Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-  
3801.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The Bureau of the Census plans to  
conduct the Informal Caregivers Survey  
(ICS) as a component of the Long Term  
Care Survey (LTC) which collects  
information on the health and  
functional status of the elderly  
population in the United States. The  
purpose of the ICS is to collect  
information on the persons who provide

help to respondents identified as  
impaired by the LTC. The Census  
Bureau last conducted the ICS as a  
component of the 1989 LTC. It was not  
conducted in conjunction with the 1994  
LTC. Sponsorship for the ICS  
component comes from Duke University  
using funds received in a grant from the  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Planning and Evaluation, the U.S.  
Department of Health and Human  
Services and the National Institute on  
Aging.

Duke University will use the data to  
obtain information about the  
experiences of people who care for  
relatives and friends. The ICS will  
obtain information on how older  
Americans and their helpers are coping  
with health problems and the money  
problems that go with them. The survey  
will seek to obtain information on how  
it is possible for some of the nation's  
elderly to remain in their homes while  
others cannot, and how caregivers are  
coping with this challenge.

##### *Sample Overview*

The LTC survey consists of a screener  
interview and, potentially, a community  
or institutional interview. The  
community interview is given to  
respondents who live in their own home  
while the institutional interview is  
conducted for respondents who are  
living in nursing facilities. During the  
community interview, we collect  
information on the people who provide  
help or assistance to the LTC  
respondent. For the ICS sample, we will  
select the caregiver, if any, who has  
provided the LTC respondent with the  
most help during the week prior to the  
interview. The sample of caregivers is  
restricted to unpaid helpers or family  
members. We will attempt to select a  
caregiver for every LTC respondent. We,  
however, will select only one caregiver  
per respondent.

##### *Survey Process*

The Census Bureau's field  
representatives (FRs) will attempt to  
conduct the ICS immediately after  
completing the community interview. If  
the caregiver is not present the  
interview will be conducted by phone  
or personal visit, if necessary. All data  
is transmitted to the Census Bureau  
where it is reviewed.

After review, the Census Bureau  
stores the survey data on a microdata  
file and delivers the file to Duke  
University. Duke analyzes the data and  
makes its findings known to NIA.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The ICS will be conducted by both  
personal visits and telephone interviews