

within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review

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

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: NTIA Message Testing Focus Groups for the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program.

Agency Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency submission.

Burden: 352 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Needs and Uses: Congress directed the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to create and implement a program to provide coupons for consumers to purchase digital-to-analog converter boxes. (See Title III of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-171, 120 Stat. 4, 21 (Feb. 8, 2006)). These converter boxes are necessary for consumers who wish to continue receiving broadcast programming over the air using analog-only television sets after February 18, 2009—the date that television stations are required by law to cease analog broadcasting. The regulations permit consumers to submit applications to NTIA for coupons beginning January 1, 2008. See 47 CFR 301.3(b).

An effective consumer education campaign, including the development of a campaign identity, messages, and consumer materials, is essential to the Coupon Program. Of particular importance is the development of an application for consumers that is easy to understand and to submit to NTIA. In an effort to ensure that the materials and messages developed for the campaign resonate with all target audiences, these items will be tested with representatives from targeted audiences. The targeted audiences, identified as the more reliant on over-the-air television, include the

following: (1) Economically disadvantaged households; (2) rural residents; (3) minorities; (4) people with disabilities; and (5) seniors. Representatives from the target audiences will participate in “focus groups” to assist NTIA in determining the clarity of the message; identifying difficulty or ease in presenting and receiving pertinent information; and improving the presentation of the information.

Nineteen (19) focus groups are scheduled in eight cities and via teleconference. Five additional participants will be interviewed who are deaf or hard of hearing for a total number of 176 participants. The information will be collected by Ketchum, Inc., a global public relations firm, that is leading the consumer education program as a subcontractor to IBM, NTIA’s prime contractor. NTIA awarded a contract to IMB in August 2007 to administer the diverse operational elements of the Coupon Program. The information will be used to develop a consumer application as well as other consumer education materials related to the Coupon Program.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet K. Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 7 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K._Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit 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 Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Approval of Triangular Transactions involving Commodities covered by a U.S. Import Certificate.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0009.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The triangular symbol will be stamped on the certificate as notification that the importer does not intend to import or retain the items in the country issuing the certificate, but that, in any case, the items will not be delivered to any other destination except in accordance with the Export Administration Regulations. If this procedure were not followed, strategic commodities could be delivered to unauthorized destinations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

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, FAX number (202) 395-7285 or via the Internet at David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Space-Based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0157.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 440.

Number of Respondents: 390.

Average Hours per Response: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite Data Collection System Use Agreement, 3 hours; Argos System Use Agreement, 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: NOAA operates two space-based data collection systems (DCS): the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) DCS and the Argos DSC flown on polar-orbiting satellites. NOAA allows users access to the DCS if they meet certain criteria. The applicants must submit information to ensure they meet these criteria. NOAA does not approve agreements when commercial services are available that fulfill users' requirements.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

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, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders to the Department of Defense

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

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: To ensure consideration written comments must be submitted on or before December 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Chris Savage, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 7K071, Washington, DC 20233-6900, (301) 763-4832, or via the Internet at John.C.Savage@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey collects monthly data on shipments, inventories, and orders from domestic manufacturing companies. The purpose of the M3 survey is to provide early broad-based monthly statistical data on current economic conditions and indications of future production commitments in the manufacturing sector. The orders, as well as the shipments and inventory data, are used widely and are valuable tools for analysis of business cycle conditions. Major data users include: Members of the Council of Economic Advisers, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Board, Conference Board, Treasury Department, and the business community.

The monthly M3 reflects primarily the month-to-month changes of companies within the survey. The M3 survey collects data for 89 industry categories

of which 13 provide non-defense and defense allocations. Those industries include: Small Arms and Ordnance; Communications Equipment; Search and Navigation Equipment; Aircraft; Aircraft Engine and Parts; Missile, Space Vehicle, and Parts Manufacturing Defense; and Ship and Boat Building.

There is a clear need to perform a periodic benchmark of the M3 estimates to reflect the manufacturing universe levels. The Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) provides annual benchmarks for the shipments and inventory data for the M3 survey, however, the ASM does not distinguish between non-defense and defense activities. The last collection instrument used to benchmark non-defense and defense data was the Shipments to Federal Agencies Benchmark Survey (MA-9675) conducted in 1992. Since the defense industries have dramatically changed, it is necessary to have a benchmark instrument to obtain a current allocation of data between non-defense and defense manufacturing activities for the M3 universe levels.

The U.S. Census Bureau is planning a new collection to benchmark the M3 universe levels for the non-defense and defense industries listed above as of the end of 2006 and 2007. The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders to the Department of Defense (M3DOD) survey will collect shipments, inventories, and unfilled orders data from domestic manufacturing companies that encompass defense manufacturing activities. M3 data will be adjusted based on the M3DOD results on the NAICS basis. This survey will be conducted every five years to provide correct benchmark levels and preserve the integrity of the estimates for the M3 survey, especially for the closely watched non-defense capital goods series.

II. Method of Collection

The U.S. Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 45 days of receipt. Survey analysts will telephone non-respondents who have not reported by the deadline for preparing the final survey results.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: M-3DOD.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.