

provided as well as implement action plans and measure improvements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

Respondents: Field office personnel, most likely office clerks and borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 23,000

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,680

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 6, 2003.

Arthur A. Garcia,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Questionnaire for Building Permit Officials.

Form Number(s): SOC-QBPO.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0125.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 225 hours.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Avg Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests an extension of the current OMB clearance of the Questionnaire for Building Permit Officials (SOC-QBPO). The Census Bureau uses the SOC-QBPO to collect information from state and local building permit officials, such as (1) The types of permits they issue, (2) the length of time a permit is valid, (3) how they store the permits, and (4) the geographic coverage of the permit system. Census Bureau field representatives visit selected permit-issuing places and conduct the survey using Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technology and a lap top computer. We need this information to carry out the sampling for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions (OMB number 0607-0110), also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Housing Sales.

We plan no changes to the information collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

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 Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or email (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: March 7, 2003.

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 Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Chemical Weapons Convention Declaration Forms.

Agency Form Number: Form 1-1, Form 1-2, Form 1-2A, Form 1-2B, etc.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0091.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 20,538 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes-31 hours per response.

Number of Respondents: 929 respondents.

Needs and Uses: Declarations: The CWC requires annual declarations and reports for activities involving Schedule 1, Schedule 2, Schedule 3 and Unscheduled Discrete Organic Chemicals (UDOCs) above specified threshold quantities. The frequency of this collection is the minimum required under the CWC. The associated Declaration and Report Handbooks and the forms are available from the following Internet URL: http://www.cwc.gov/Declarations/Handbooks_and_Forms/cwcIndex_html

Schedule 1: The CWC requires annual declarations for facilities that produced in excess of specified aggregate quantities of Schedule 1 chemicals in the previous calendar year.

Schedule 2: The CWC requires plant sites that had one or more plants that produced, processed or consumed Schedule 2 chemicals above the applicable threshold quantity during any of the three previous to determine whether there is an annual declaration requirement on past activities.

Schedule 3: The CWC requires annual declarations from plant sites that had one or more plants that produced in excess of specified quantities of one or more Schedule 3 chemicals in the previous calendar year.

UDOCs: Although the majority of declarations are required from plant

sites that produced UDOCs, the declaration requirements for such production involve the fewest forms. The CWC only requires declarations from plant sites that produced UDOCs in excess of specified quantities in the previous calendar year.

BIS officials review the information collected from the data declarations for completeness and accuracy. The data is then compiled into a report for transmittal to the U.S. National Authority (USNA) and subsequent presentation to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The collected data will also be used by BIS officials to monitor the aggregate amount of Schedule 1 chemicals in the United States to ensure that it is at all times below 1 metric ton (as required by Part VI.A.2 of the Convention's Annex on Implementation and Verification), and to prepare such additional reports as the USNA may reasonably require.

Inspections: Each State Party to the CWC, including the United States Government, has agreed to allow inspections of certain declared facilities by inspectors employed by the OPCW to ensure that their activities are consistent with obligations under the CWC. The Department of Commerce is responsible for leading, hosting and escorting inspections of all facilities in the United States, except Department of Defense and Department of Energy facilities and other United States Government facilities that notify the USNA of their decision to be excluded from the CWCR.

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

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, DOC Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information 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 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Annual Survey of Manufacturers

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 12, 2003.

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 Mendel D. Gayle, Census Bureau, Room 2108, Building 4, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4769 or via the Internet at mendel.d.gayle@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau has conducted the Annual Survey of Manufacturers (ASM) since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" and "7", we mail and collect the ASM as part of the Economic Census covering the Manufacturing Sector. This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by product class, inventories, and expenditures for both plant and equipment and structures. The survey provides data for most of these items for each of the 473 industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). It also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade

associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. The ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

II. Method of Collection

The ASM statistics are based on a survey which includes two components, mail and nonmail. The mail portion of the survey is a probability sample of about 55,000 manufacturing establishments selected from a total of about 225,000 establishments. These 225,000 establishments represent all manufacturing establishments of multiunit companies (companies that operate at more than one physical location) and all single-establishment manufacturing companies that were mailed forms in the 1997 Economic Census.

The nonmail portion of the survey is defined as all single-establishment manufacturing companies that we tabulated as administrative records in the 1997 Economic Census. Although this portion includes approximately 155,000 establishments, it accounted for less than 2 percent of the estimate for total value of shipments at the total manufacturing level for 1997. No data are collected from this portion of the population, instead data are estimated based on selected information obtained annually from the administrative records of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administrative (SSA). This administrative information, which includes payroll, total employment, industry classification, and physical location, is obtained under conditions which safeguard the confidentiality of both tax and census records.

III. Data

MB Number: 0607-0449.

Form Number: MA-10000(L), MA-10000(S).

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, non-profit Institutions, small businesses or organizations, and State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 187,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondents is \$4,885,410.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.