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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal, State or Local government.

Frequency: Annually.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Jacqueline Zeiher, (202) 395-4638.

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 Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 031119282-3282-01]

Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the 2003 Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area. The 2003 Annual Surveys consist of the Current Industrial Reports surveys, the Annual Survey of Manufactures, the Survey of Industrial Research and Development, and the

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization. We have determined that annual data collected from these surveys are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William G. Bostic, Jr., Chief, Manufacturing and Construction Division, on (301) 763-4593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Census Bureau is authorized to conduct surveys necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), sections 61, 81, 182, 193, 224, and 225. These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing for the period between economic censuses. The next economic censuses will be conducted for the year 2007. The data collected in these surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

Current Industrial Reports

Most of the following commodity or product surveys provide data on shipments or production, stocks, unfilled orders, orders booked, consumption, and so forth. Reports will be required of all, or a sample of, establishments engaged in the production of the items covered by the following list of surveys:

Survey Title

MA313F Yarn Production
MA313K Knit Fabric Production
MA314Q Carpets and Rugs
MA315D Gloves and Mittens
MA316A Footwear Production
MA321T Lumber Production and Mill Stocks
MA325F Paint and Allied Products
MA325G Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals
MA327C Refractories
MA327E Consumer, Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Glassware
MA331A Iron and Steel Castings
MA331B Steel Mill Products
MA331E Nonferrous Castings
MA332Q Antifriction Bearings
MA333A Farm Machinery and Lawn and Garden Equipment
MA333D Construction Machinery
MA333F Mining Machinery and Mineral Processing Equipment
MA333L Internal Combustion Engines

MA333M Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Warm Air Equipment
MA333P Pumps and Compressors
MA334B Selected Instruments and Related Products
MA334M Consumer Electronics
MA334P Communication Equipment
MA334Q Semiconductors, Printed Circuit Boards, and Electronic Components
MA334R Computers and Office and Accounting Machines
MA334S Electromedical and Irradiation Equipment
MA335A Switchgear, Switchboard Apparatus, Relays, and Industrial Controls
MA335E Electric Housewares and Fans
MA335F Major Household Appliances
MA335H Motors and Generators
MA335J Insulated Wire and Cable
MA335K Wiring Devices and Supplies

The following list of surveys represents annual counterparts of monthly and quarterly surveys and will cover only those establishments that are not canvassed, or do not report, in the more frequent surveys. Accordingly, there will be no duplication in reporting. The content of these annual reports will be identical with that of the monthly and quarterly reports.

Survey Title

M311H Animal and Vegetable Fats and Oils (Stocks)
M311J Oilseeds, Beans, and Nuts (Primary Producers)
M311L Fats and Oils (Renderers)
M311M Animal and Vegetables Fats and Oils (Consumption and Stocks)
M311N Animal and Vegetables Fats and Oils (Production, Consumption, and Stock)
M313P Consumption on the Cotton System
M313N Cotton and Raw Linters in Public Storage
M327G Glass Containers
M331J Inventories of Steel Producing Mills
M336G Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines
MQ311A Flour Milling Products
MQ313D Consumption on the Woolen System and Worsted Combing
MQ313T Broadwoven Fabrics (Gray)
MQ314X Bed and Bath Furnishings
MQ315A Apparel
MQ325A Inorganic Chemicals
MQ325B Fertilizer Materials
MQ325C Industrial Gases
MQ327D Clay Construction Products
MQ333W Metalworking Machinery
MQ335C Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

Annual Survey of Manufactures

The Annual Survey of Manufactures collects industry statistics, such as total

value of shipments, employment, payroll, workers' hours, capital expenditures, cost of materials consumed, supplemental labor costs, and so forth. This survey, conducted on a sample basis, covers all manufacturing industries, including data on plants under construction but not yet in operation.

Survey of Industrial Research and Development

The Survey of Industrial Research and Development measures spending on research and development activities in private U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information in accordance with a joint project between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau and the NSF publish the results in their respective publication series. Five data items in the survey provide interim statistics collected in the Census Bureau's economic censuses. These items (total company sales, total employment, total expenditures for research and development conducted within the company, federally-funded expenditures for research and development within the company, and total expenditures and federally-funded expenditures for research and development within the company by state) are collected on a mandatory basis under the authority of Title 13, U.S.C. Responses to all other data collected are voluntary.

Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization is designed to measure the use of industrial capacity. The survey collects information on actual output and estimates of potential output in terms of value of production. These data are the basis for calculating rates of utilization of full production capability and use of production capability under national emergency conditions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., chapter 45, the OMB approved the 2003 Annual Surveys under the following OMB Control Numbers: Current Industrial Reports—0607–0206, 0607–0392, 0607–0395, and 0607–0476; Annual Survey of Manufactures—0607–0449; Survey of Industrial Research and

Development—3145–0027; and Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization—0607–0175. We will provide copies of each form upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0001.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Charles Louis Kincannon,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 031113278–3278–01]

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Retail Trade Survey. The Census Bureau has determined that it needs to collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States, year-end inventories, purchases, accounts receivables, and, for select industries, merchandise line sales and percent of sales by class of customer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Piest, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 763–2747.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Annual Retail Trade Survey is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, e-commerce sales, and purchases for 2003 and year-end inventories for 2002 and 2003. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2003 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within 30 days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys that are necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. For 2003, the survey will, as it has in the past, operate as a separate sample of retail companies. The data collected in this survey will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, Chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607–0013. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey. Additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Charles Louis Kincannon,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests