

property questionnaires. The questionnaire is designed to collect data on both first and junior (second or third) mortgages, including home equity lines of credit.

Timing

The "owner seeker" letters and the first round of the homeowner questionnaires are scheduled for mailout in early 2001. A second mailing of the homeowner questionnaires (those identified by the owner seeker letter) is expected in early spring 2001. The rental and vacant property questionnaires are scheduled for initial mailing in early 2001. The lender questionnaires are to be mailed in two primary cycles, the first in summer 2001 and the second in early fall 2001, with possible additional smaller mailings from follow-up operations.

Enumeration

The RFS is essentially a centralized mail-out/mail-back operation. We will limit our field interviewing for property owners to cases in which the owner was either not identified or failed to respond to the original mailed questionnaires and follow-up letters. Follow-up interviewing of lenders will occur in two stages. For financial institutions, follow-up telephone inquiries will be made. Follow-up for mortgages held by individuals will involve a telephone call and, if necessary, a personal visit by Census Bureau field representatives from the 12 census regional offices.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.
Form Number:

D-2900 (Homeowner Questionnaire)
D-2901 (Rental and Vacant Property Questionnaire)

D-2902 (Lender Questionnaire)
D-2905(L) (Owner Seeker Letter)

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individual property owners and lending institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

D-2900—35,000 respondents
D-2901—35,000 respondents
D-2902—50,000 respondents
D-2905(L)—210,000 respondents

Estimated Time Per Response:

D-2900 @ 30 minutes/response = 17,500 hours
D-2901 @ 45 minutes/response = 26,250 hours
D-2902 @ 30 minutes/response = 25,000 hours
D-2905(L) @ 2.5 minutes/response = 8,750 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 77,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to a respondent is the time

necessary to respond to this survey. There is no monetary cost to the respondent.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Section 141 and Section 1113(d) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. Section 3413(d)).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of the 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 through 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.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

BEA Customer Satisfaction Survey; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The U.S. 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: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20230, (or via e-mail at LEngelmeier@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Verna M. Learnard, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-53, Washington, DC 20230, or by telephone at 202-606-9690.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

As one of the Nation's leading statistical agencies, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) provides reliable and consistent measures of economic activity that are essential to intelligent decision making of business people and policy makers and to the efficient operations of financial markets. The purpose of the BEA Customer Satisfaction Survey will be to obtain feedback from customers on the quality of BEA products and services. The results of the information collected will serve to assist BEA in improving the quality of its data products and its methods of dissemination.

II. Method of Collection

The Survey and a cover letter with instructions on how to complete the survey will be mailed to 7,500 potential respondents. BEA will request that responses be returned 30 days after the mailing. The survey will be designed so that all responses are anonymous and therefore eliminates the necessity for recordkeeping of respondents.

III. Data

OMB Number: _____.

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: Individuals from profit and non-profit organizations and individuals from other Federal, state, and local government agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Estimated Response Time: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,875.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The only cost to the respondents is that of their time.

Legal Authority: Executive Order 12862, Section 1(b), of September 11, 1993.

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 through 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.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption; Notice of Open Meeting

The President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (PECSENC) will meet on February 25, 2000, at the Hewlett-Packard Company, Spyglass Room, Building 5, 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California, 94304. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 4 p.m. The Subcommittee provides advice on matters pertinent to policies regarding commercial encryption products.

Open Session: 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public
3. Update on Bureau of Export Administration initiatives
4. Issue briefings
5. Open discussion

The meeting is open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSENC. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSENC members, the PECSENC suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS:

3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

For more information, contact Ms. Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Brian Nilsson,

Acting Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-804, C-122-805]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order and Countervailing Duty Order: New Steel Rail From Canada

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order: new steel rail from Canada.

SUMMARY: On December 29, and December 30, 1999, respectively, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and a countervailable subsidy (64 FR 73013 (December 29, 1999) and 64 FR 73519 (December 30, 1999), respectively). On January 26, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 4261 (January 26, 2000)). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing this notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada.

DATES: February 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darla D. Brown or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230;

telephone: (202) 482-3207 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

Background

On June 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (64 FR 23596 and 64 FR 23677, respectively) of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on new steel rail from Canada pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of these reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and revocation of the countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. The Department notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail, the net countervailable subsidy, and the nature of the subsidy likely to prevail were the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order revoked.¹

On January 26, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.²

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order and this countervailing duty order is new steel rail, whether of carbon, high carbon, alloy or other quality steel from Canada. Subject merchandise includes, but is not limited to, standard rails, all main line sections (at least 30 kilograms per meter or 60 pounds per yard), heat-treated or head-hardened (premium) rails, transit rails, contact rails (or "third rail") and crane rails. Rails are used by the railroad industry, by rapid transit lines, by subways, in mines, and in industrial applications.

Specifically excluded from the order are light rails (less than 30 kilograms per meter or 60 pounds per yard). Also excluded from the order are relay rails, which are used rails taken up from primary railroad track and relaid in a railroad yard or on a secondary track. As a result of a changed circumstances review in 1996, the antidumping duty

¹ See *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: New Steel Rail from Canada*, 64 FR 73013 (December 29, 1999) and *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: New Steel Rail from Canada*, 64 FR 73519 (December 30, 1999).

² See *Steel Rails From Canada*, Investigations Nos. 701-TA-297 (Review) and 731-TA-422 (Review), 65 FR 4261 (January 26, 2000).