

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces changes in the membership of the Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board for the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

DATES: Effective November 15, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Office of General Counsel, (202) 261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, a performance review board (PRB). The PRB reviews initial performance ratings of members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and makes recommendations on performance ratings and awards for senior executives. Because the CSB is a small independent Federal agency, the SES members of the CSB's PRB are being drawn from other Federal agencies.

The CSB Board Member Delegated Interim Executive and Administrative Authority has appointed the following individuals to the CSB Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board:

PRB Chair—William B. Wark, Board Member, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

PRB Member—Curtis Bowling, Director of Environmental Readiness and Safety, Office of the Secretary of Defense/Chairman, Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board.

Mr. Wark replaces John S. Bresland (formerly Board Member, Chemical

Safety and Hazard Investigation Board) as Chair of the PRB. Mr. Bowling replaces Leon A. Wilson, Jr. (formerly Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled). The service of Mr. Bresland and Mr. Wilson on the PRB has ended. Their appointments were originally announced in the **Federal Register** of October 8, 2003 (68 FR 58063) (Bresland) and January 11, 2007 (72 FR 1317) (Wilson).

Lawrence W. Roffee (Executive Director, United States Access Board) continues to serve as a Member of the PRB, as announced in the **Federal Register** of January 11, 2007 (72 FR 1317).

This notice is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the requirement of 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

Dated: November 8, 2007.

Raymond C. Porfiri,

Deputy General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Monthly Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, 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 January 14, 2008.

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 Scott Scheleur, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8K181, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301) 763-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Monthly Retail Trade Survey provides estimates of monthly retail sales, end-of-month merchandise inventories, and quarterly e-commerce sales of retailers in the United States by selected kinds of business. Also, it provides monthly sales of food service establishments. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses this information to prepare the National Income and Products Accounts and to benchmark the annual input-output tables. Statistics provided from the Monthly Retail Trade Survey are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP).

Estimates produced from the Monthly Retail Trade Survey are based on a probability sample. The sample design consists of one fixed panel where all cases are requested to report sales and/or inventories each month.

Listed below are the series of retail form numbers and a description of each form:

| Series | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| SM-44(06)S | Non Department Store/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce. |
| SM-44(06)SE | Non Department Store/Sales Only W E-Commerce. |
| SM-44(06)SS | Non Department Store/Sales Only/Screeners. |
| SM-44(06)B | Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/WO E-Commerce. |
| SM-44(06)BE | Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/W E-Commerce. |
| SM-44(06)BS | Non Department Store/Sales and Inventory/Screeners. |
| SM-45(06)S | Department Store/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce. |
| SM-45(06)SE | Department Store/Sales Only/W E-Commerce. |
| SM-45(06)SS | Department Store/Sales Only/Screeners. |
| SM-45(06)B | Department Store/Sales and Inventory/WO E-Commerce. |
| SM-45(06)BE | Department Store/Sales and Inventory/W E-Commerce. |
| SM-45(06)BS | Department Store/Sales and Inventory/Screeners. |
| SM-72(06)S | Food Services/Sales Only/WO E-Commerce. |
| SM-20(06)I | Non Department and Department Store/Inventory Only. |

II. Method of Collection

This information will be collected by mail, fax, and telephone follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0717.

Form Number: SM-44(06)S, SM-44(06)SE, SM-44(06)SS, SM-44(06)B, SM-44(06)BE, SM-44(06)BS, SM-45(06)S, SM-45(06)SE, SM-45(06)SS, SM-45(06)B, SM-45(06)BE, SM-45(06)BS, SM-72(06)S, and SM-20(06)I.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Retail and Food Services firms in the United States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$367,640.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Section 182.

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: November 7, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Industry and Security**

[Docket No. 071107679-7690-01]

Impact of Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention on Commercial Activities Involving "Schedule 1" Chemicals During Calendar Year 2007

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is seeking public comments on the impact that implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, through the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act and the Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations, has had on commercial activities involving "Schedule 1" chemicals during calendar year 2007. The purpose of this notice of inquiry is to collect information to assist BIS in its preparation of the annual certification to the Congress, which is required under Condition 9 of Senate Resolution 75, April 24, 1997, in which the Senate gave its advice and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: wfisher@bis.doc.gov. Include the phrase "Schedule 1 Notice of Inquiry" in the subject line;

Fax: (202) 482-3355 (Attn: Willard Fisher);

Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: Willard Fisher, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Regulatory Policy Division, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2705, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the Chemical Weapons Convention requirements for "Schedule 1" chemicals, contact Timir Misra, Treaty Compliance Division, Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Phone:* (703) 605-4400. For questions on the submission of comments, contact Willard Fisher, Regulatory Policy Division, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Phone:* (202) 482-2440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In providing its advice and consent to the ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and Their Destruction, commonly called the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) (the Convention), the Senate included, in Senate Resolution 75 (S. Res. 75, April 24, 1997), several conditions to its ratification. Condition 9, titled "Protection of Advanced Biotechnology," calls for the President to certify to Congress on an annual basis that "the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms in the United States are not being significantly harmed by the limitations of the Convention on access to, and production of, those chemicals and toxins listed in Schedule 1." On July 8, 2004, President Bush, by Executive Order 13346, delegated his authority to make the annual certification to the Secretary of Commerce.

The CWC is an international arms control treaty that contains certain verification provisions. In order to implement these verification provisions, the CWC established the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). The CWC imposes certain obligations on countries that have ratified the Convention (i.e., States Parties), among which are the enactment of legislation to prohibit the production, storage, and use of chemical weapons, and the establishment of a National Authority to serve as the national focal point for effective liaison with the OPCW and other States Parties for the purpose of achieving the object and purpose of the Convention and the implementation of its provisions. The CWC also requires each State Party to implement a comprehensive data declaration and inspection regime to provide transparency and to verify that both the public and private sectors of the State Party are not engaged in activities prohibited under the CWC.

"Schedule 1" chemicals consist of those toxic chemicals and precursors set forth in the CWC "Annex on Chemicals" and in Supplement No. 1 to part 712 of the Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations (CWCRR) (15 CFR parts 710-722). The CWC identified these toxic chemicals and precursors as posing a high risk to the object and purpose of the Convention.

The CWC restricts the production of "Schedule 1" chemicals for protective purposes to two facilities per State Party. The CWC Article-by-Article Analysis submitted to the Senate in