

and the fact that the ACES does not include non-capitalized expenditures for e-business infrastructure investment creates serious data gaps.

As a result of the data gaps cited above, we are requesting approval to conduct the Information and Communication Technology Survey (ICTS) as a supplement to the ACES. For the ICTS, we plan to use the ACES sampling, follow-up and estimation methodologies including mailing to the same employer companies as the ACES. This data collection will supplement the current source of comprehensive statistics on business investment in equipment and software for private nonfarm businesses in the United States.

The proposed ICTS will annually collect industry-level data for two categories of non-capitalized expenses (purchases, and operating leases and rental payments) for four types of ICT equipment and software (computers and peripheral equipment; ICT equipment, excluding computers and peripherals; electromedical and electrotherapeutic apparatus; and, computer software, including payroll associated with software development). This collection will represent non-capitalized expenditure activity of all employer firms and provide comprehensive control estimates of total non-capitalized expense for each type of equipment and software by industry.

The ICT survey will be an important part of the Federal Government statistical program to improve and supplement ongoing statistical programs. The BEA will use this data to refine annual estimates of investment in equipment and software in the national income and product accounts and to improve estimates of capital stocks. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will use the data to improve estimates of capital stocks for productivity analysis. The Federal Reserve Board (FRB) will use the data to improve estimates of investment indicators for monetary policy.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, & 225.

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 e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

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Madeleine Clayton,

Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Current Industrial Reports Surveys—WAVE II (Mandatory and Voluntary Surveys)

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 April 19, 2004.

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: Judy Dodds, Assistant Chief for Census and Related Programs, (301) 763-4587, Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2101, Building #4,

Washington, DC 20233 (or via the Internet at judy.m.dodds@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. The results of these surveys are used extensively by individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis and annual collections are mandatory. The collection frequency of individual CIR surveys is determined by the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring, or the use of data in Government economic indicator series. Some monthly and quarterly CIR surveys have an annual "counterpart" collection. The annual counterpart collects annual data on a mandatory basis from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes, the CIR surveys are divided into "waves." One wave is resubmitted for clearance each year. Mandatory and voluntary surveys historically have been divided into separate clearance requests, making two separate clearance requests each year and six clearance requests in total for the CIR program. We are now combining the mandatory and voluntary surveys of each wave into one clearance request, reducing the total number of clearance requests from six to three, and the number of OMB submissions annually from two to one. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave II for clearance. The surveys in Wave II are:

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary survey
M311J—Oilseeds, Beans and Nuts (Primary Producers)	*M327G—Glass Containers.
M313N—Cotton in Public Storage	*M331J—Inventories of Steel Producing Mills.
M313P—Consumption on the Cotton System and Stocks	*MQ311A—Flour Milling Products.
MQ314X—Bed and Bath Furnishings	*MQ325A—Inorganic Chemicals.

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary survey
MQ315A—Apparel MQ333W—Metalworking Machinery MA313F—Yarn Production MA313K—Knit Fabric Production MA314Q—Carpet and Rugs MA316A—Footwear MA321T—Lumber Production and Mill Stocks MA325G—Pharmaceutical Preparations, except Biologicals MA333L—Internal Combustion Engines MA333P—Pumps and Compressors MA334M—Consumer Electronics MA334Q—Semiconductor, Printed Circuit Boards, and Electronic Components MA334S—Electromedical Irradiation Equipment MA335E—Electric Housewares and Fans MA335J—Insulated Wire and Cable	*MQ325C—Industrial Gases MQ325F—Paint, Varnish, and Lacquer MQ335C—Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

*These voluntary surveys have mandatory annual counterparts.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. We ask respondents to return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents who have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0395—
Mandatory Surveys. 0607–0206—
Voluntary & Annual Counterparts
Surveys.

Form Number: See Chart Above.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses, or other
for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
11,408.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.2745.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:
14,540 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The
estimated cost to respondents for all the
CIR reports in Wave II for fiscal year
2005 is \$238,601.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR
program includes both mandatory and
voluntary surveys.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United
States Code, Sections 182, 224, and 225.

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.

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Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 3–2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 193—Pinellas County, Florida; Expansion of Manufacturing Authority—Subzone 193A, Cardinal Health 409, Inc. (Gelatin Capsules/Pharmaceutical Products), Pinellas County, Florida

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, grantee of FTZ 193, requesting to expand the scope of manufacturing authority under zone procedures within Subzone 193A, at the Cardinal Health 409, Inc. (formerly R.P. Scherer Corporation) facilities in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area (Pinellas County), Florida. It was formally filed on February 10, 2004.

Subzone 193A was approved by the Board in 2000 at 4 sites (42.1 acres) in the St. Petersburg/Clearwater area (Pinellas County), with authority granted for the manufacture of soft gelatin capsules and certain

pharmaceutical products (Board Order 1117, 65 FR 54196, 9/7/2000). The scope of authority under zone procedures at Subzone 193A was recently expanded (Board Order 1282, 68 FR 53344, 9/10/03).

Subzone 193A (754 employees) is currently requesting to further expand the scope of authority for manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures to include a broad range of inputs and pharmaceutical and nutritional final products. Categories of inputs include edible products of animal origin, dried vegetables, alfalfa, vegetable saps and pectins, various seed (including soybean oil), nut and vegetable oils, margarine, animal fats or oils, liver extract, food preparations, protein concentrates, chromium and manganese oxides, sulfates, phosphates, silicates, salts of oxometallic acids, acyclic hydrocarbons, acyclic/cyclic/ether alcohols, ketones and quinones, mono- and polycarboxylic acids, anisidines, amino acids, carboxymide-function compounds, quaternary salts, lecithins, saccharin, organo-sulfur compounds, heterocyclic compounds, nucleic acids, sulfanomides, glycosides, chemically pure sugars, essential oils of citrus fruit, other essential oils, perfumes and toilet waters, gelatin, rosin and resin acids, industrial fatty alcohols, prepared binders, silicones, cellulose, natural polymers, and worked vegetable or mineral carving material. Materials sourced from abroad represent some 30%–40% of material inputs.

The applicant is also requesting authority to use zone procedures to ship from the plant the inedible gelatin (HTSUS 3503.00.20.00) resulting from the manufacture of soft gel capsules from foreign edible gelatin (HTSUS 3503.00.55.10) and to manufacture vegetable-based capsules from imported and domestic carageenan (HTSUS