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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).

Dated: July 12, 2004.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Bureau: International Trade Administration.

Title: Application for the President's "E" and "E STAR" Awards for Export Expansion.

Agency Form Number: ITA-725P.

OMB Number: 0625-0065.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Estimated Burden: 200.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Est. Avg. Hours per Response: 20 hours.

Needs and Uses: The President's "E" Award for Excellence in Exporting is our nation's highest award to honor American exporters. "E" Awards recognize firms and organizations for their competitive achievements in world markets, as well as the benefits of their success to the U.S. economy. The President's "E-Star" Award recognizes the sustained prior international marketing performance of "E" Award winners.

Affected public: Business and other for-profit; not for profit institutions; individuals or households; farms; and State, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Roster, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230. Phone (202) 482-0266.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2004-2006 Company Organization Survey

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing efforts 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 September 14, 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 Paul Hanczaryk, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2747, Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 763-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and contact information (for example, name and address).

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2004-2006 COS in a similar manner as the 2003 COS. These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 55,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.2 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the BR universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 10,000 large single-establishment companies that may have added locations during the year.

The mailing list for the 2004-2006 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 50 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational changes. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size. The mailing list also will include entities that are most likely to have added establishments at other locations.

For 2004-2006, electronic reporting will be available to all COS respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Companies that cannot use the Internet will receive a CD-ROM containing their electronic data. All respondents will be allowed to mail the

data via diskette or CD-ROM or submit their response data via the Internet.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and will request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, payroll, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will ask certain questions in the 2004–2006 COS in order to enhance content. We will include questions on leased employees working in the company and questions on research and development activities performed by the company.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0444.

Form Number: NC–99001 and NC–99007 (for single-location companies).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 65,000 enterprises.

Estimated Time per Response: 2.09 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 135,917.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Included in the total annual cost of the BR, which is estimated to be \$10.9 million for fiscal year 2004.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 of United States Code, Sections 182, 195, 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.

Dated: July 12, 2004.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 040706200–4200–01]

Addition of Persons to the Unverified List, Guidance To Exporters as to “Red Flags,” and Criteria for Listing of Unverified Persons in Foreign Countries

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 14, 2002, the Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) published a notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a list of persons in foreign countries who were parties to past export transactions where pre-license checks or post-shipment verifications could not be conducted for reasons outside the control of the U.S. Government (“Unverified List”). See 67 FR 40910. That notice also advised exporters that the involvement of a listed person as a party to a proposed transaction constitutes a “red flag” as described in the guidance set forth in Supplement No. 3 to 15 CFR part 732. Under that guidance, the “red flag” requires heightened scrutiny by the exporter (and others involved in the transaction) before proceeding with a transaction in which a listed person is a party. Since that time, BIS has issued subsequent notices that added persons to and removed them from the Unverified List, as circumstances warranted. This notice advises exporters that the Unverified List will now also include persons in foreign countries in situations where BIS is not able to verify the existence or authenticity of the end user, intermediate consignee, ultimate consignee, or other party to an export transaction. This notice also adds five persons to the Unverified List and advises exporters that the involvement of these persons as a party to a proposed transaction constitutes a “red flag.”

DATES: This notice is effective July 16, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas W. Andrukonis, Office of Enforcement Analysis, Bureau of Industry and Security, Telephone: (202) 482–4255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In administering export controls under the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730 to 774) (EAR), BIS carries out a number of preventive enforcement activities with respect to individual export transactions. Such activities are intended to assess diversion risks, identify potential violations, verify end-uses, and determine the suitability of end-users to receive U.S. commodities or technology. In carrying out these activities, BIS officials, or officials of other federal agencies acting on BIS's behalf, selectively conduct pre-license checks (“PLCs”) to verify the bona fides of the transaction and the suitability of the end-user or ultimate consignee. In addition, such officials sometimes carry out post-shipment verifications (“PSVs”) to ensure that U.S. exports have actually been delivered to the authorized end-user, are being used in a manner consistent with the terms of a license or license exception, and are otherwise consistent with the EAR.

A. Inclusion of Persons on the Unverified List

In certain instances BIS officials, or other federal officials acting on BIS's behalf, have been unable to perform a PLC or PSV with respect to certain export control transactions, for reasons outside the control of the U.S. Government (including a lack of cooperation by the host government authority, the end-user, or the ultimate consignee). As a result, certain foreign end-users and consignees involved in such transactions have been listed on the Unverified List.

This notice advises exporters and other persons that the Unverified List will now also include persons involved in export transactions where BIS has not been able to verify the existence or authenticity of the end user, intermediate consignee, ultimate consignee, or other party to an export transaction. This could include situations where the end-users or consignees are merely post-office boxes, drop shipment points, or front companies.

The inability of BIS to verify the nature of the activities, or suitability of any end-user or consignee involved in an export transaction can raise concerns about the bona fides of such person, and that person's suitability for participation in future transactions subject to the EAR. Accordingly, BIS continues to advise the exporting community that the participation of a person on the Unverified List in any proposed