

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Bureau of Export Administration****U.S. Industry Reporting Requirements for Compliance With the Chemical Weapons Treaty**

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 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Dawn Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) will ban the development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons. Under the CWC, companies that produce, process, consume or utilize certain chemicals must file initial and annual declarations. This information will be submitted to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the treaty's international body. The collection of this information is required to comply with the treaty.

II. Method of Collection

Submitted on BXA Declaration forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0091.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,199.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 11,301.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$46,240.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Annual Report From Foreign-Trade Zone Grantee to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board****International Trade Administration**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the 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 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20230. Phone number: (202) 482-3272.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to: Claudia Hausler, Foreign Trade Zones Staff, Room 3716, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Phone number: (202) 482-2862, and fax number: (202) 482-0002. The FTZ Annual Report Form and Guidelines, as well as the Regulations, are available on-line at http://www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/ftzpage/ftzhome.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Foreign-Trade Zone Annual Report is the vehicle by which Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) grantees report annually to the Foreign Trade Zones Board, pursuant to the requirements of the Foreign Trade Zones Act (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u). The annual reports submitted by grantees are the only complete source of compiled information on FTZ's. The data and information contained in the reports relates to international trade activity in FTZ's. The reports are used by the Congress and the Department to determine the economic effect of the FTZ program. The reports are also used by the FTZ Board and other trade policy officials to determine whether zone activity is consistent with U.S. international trade policy, and whether it is in the public interest. The public uses the information regarding activities carried on in FTZ's to evaluate their effect on industry sectors. The information contained in annual reports also helps zone grantees in their marketing efforts.

II. Method of Collection

FTZ grantees submit annual reports to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0109.

Form Number: ITA-359P.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal governments or not-for-profit institutions which are FTZ grantees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Response: 37 to 180 hours (depending on the size and structure of the FTZ).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,881 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Costs: The estimated annual cost for this collection is \$471,906.00 (\$401,002.00 for submitters and \$70,904.00 for federal government).