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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: September 3, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Manufacturers' Shipments to Federal Government Agencies

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Lee Wentela, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 2232 FB-4, Washington, DC 20233, on (301) 457-4832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau presently conducts the Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 0607-0008. The M3 survey collects monthly data on shipments, inventories, and new and unfilled orders from manufacturing companies. The orders, as well as the shipments and inventory data, are used widely and are valuable tools for analysts of business cycle conditions, including members of the Council of Economic Advisers, the Treasury Department, and the business community. The proposed Survey of Manufacturers' Shipments to Federal Government Agencies will collect value of shipments from manufacturers in 1999, the value of shipments to Federal agencies under prime contracts by selected agencies, and the value of shipments which are subcontracted from Federal contracts. Estimates of shipments to the Federal government will be made for industries classified according to the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). These estimates will provide benchmark levels of shipments for government and nongovernment categories by NAICS industries for the monthly M3 series.

The monthly M3 estimates are based on a relatively small sample and reflect primarily the month-to-month changes of large companies. There is a clear need for periodic benchmarking of the M3 estimates to reflect the entire manufacturing universe. The Annual Survey of Manufactures (OMB control number 0607-0449) provides annual benchmarks for the shipments and inventory data collected in this monthly survey. However, the annual survey does not distinguish between government and non-government shipments. Because of the methodology used for the monthly indicator, any discrepancy between the indicator series and statistically derived measures can become exaggerated over time and the results can be misleading to policy makers. The last benchmark survey for government shipments was for the year 1992. In addition to the long period between benchmark estimates, the conversion from the Standard Industrial Classification system to NAICS further exacerbates any discrepancy and makes the need for the benchmark survey more critical.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 45 days of

receipt. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0763 (to be reinstated).

Form Number: MC-9675.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses, large and small, or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

\$26,480.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Turkey; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Review

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