

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Commercial Encryption Items Under the Jurisdiction of DOC.

Agency Form Number: BXA 748-P.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0104.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 650 hours.

Average Time Per Response: Ranges between 1 and 4 hours depending on the requirement.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Needs and Uses: Encryption items can be used to maintain the secrecy of information, and thereby may be used by persons to harm national security, foreign policy and law enforcement interests. For those items controlled, licenses are required for exports and reexports of encryption items. The Export Administration Regulations set forth the licensing policy for exports and reexports of encryption commodities and software to U.S. subsidiaries, insurance companies, health and medical end-users, on-line merchants and foreign commercial firms. The information is used in making licensing decisions.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Roster, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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Agency: Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

Title: Chemical Weapons Convention (Notifications, Annual Reports, and End-User Certificates).

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0117.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 176 hours.

Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes each.

Number of Respondents: 134 (multiple responses).

Needs and Uses: The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons. The U.S. is under obligation by this treaty to impose certain trade controls since the CWC prohibits the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons. Under the Treaty, States Parties may only export Schedule 1 chemicals to other States Parties, must provide advance notification of exports of any quantity of Schedule 1 chemicals, and must submit annual reports of exports of such chemicals during the previous calendar year. The Convention also requires that prior to the export of Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 chemicals to a non-States Party, the exporter must obtain an End-Use Certificate issued by the government of the importing country. This information is used to ensure that export transactions are in compliance with obligations under the Convention and is shared, as appropriate, with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Company Organization Survey.

Form Number(s): NC-9901.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0444.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 140,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1 hour and 33 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) in order to update and maintain a central, multipurpose business register, known as the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL). In particular, the COS supplies critical information to the SSEL concerning the establishment composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multiestablishment enterprises. The SSEL 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.

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series.

The COS is typically conducted as a detailed inquiry sent to a sample of multiestablishment companies. In years ending in 2 & 7, the COS is conducted in conjunction with the economic censuses and is sent to the universe of multiestablishment companies but requests much less detailed information. This is done to coordinate the COS with the quinquennial economic census and