

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Kenneth White, Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, by email at kwhite2@doc.gov or PRAcomments@doc.gov. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Kenneth White, Senior Policy Analyst, Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, by mail at U.S. Department of Commerce; 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC or via email at kwhite2@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for an extension of an already approved collection of information. In 2021 the Secretary held a referendum among eligible manufacturers to determine whether they favored the implementation of an Order to establish an orderly program for developing, financing, and carrying out an effective, continuous, and coordinated program of promotion, education, and research to support the concrete masonry products industry. The referendum passed and the Order went into effect in December 2021. The Order requires the Secretary to establish a board to carry out the program. The Secretary appointed Board members in the Fall of 2022. (1) The Order establishes a three-year term limit for Board members, thus requiring ongoing and continuous consideration of applicants to fill vacancies. (2) The Order requires producers of concrete masonry block to remit quarterly, an assessment to the Board. Continuation of this approved collection will allow consideration of applicants to the Board to fill vacancies and allow reporting of quarterly assessment payments.

In 2022, the Secretary appointed members to the Concrete Masonry Products Board (Board) to develop and implement programs of research, education, and promotion. In 2023 the Board began collecting assessments from manufacturers of concrete masonry units, of which the Board will use to implement programs and activities.

There are two forms in this Information Collection Request (ICR) relating to the Board membership and the collection of assessments. The first is the application form to be considered for Board membership. Board membership is open to all manufacturers of concrete masonry products. Completion of the application form reflects an individual's interest in

becoming a Board member and is necessary to verify eligibility and to assist in determining suitability to serve on the Board. The second form for this ICR relates to the payment of assessments. Producers that remit assessments will complete the form to establish proper payment of assessments. Authorizing Statute: 15 U.S.C. Chapter 13 (sections 8701–8717).

II. Method of Collection

Registrants may download, complete, print, and submit via fax or mail from the Board's website.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0605–0028.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission. This is an extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Board Application

Estimate of Burden: 0.25 hour per application.

Respondents: Manufacturers of concrete masonry units.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 40 hours.

Respondents Obligation: Voluntary.

Evaluation and Compliance

Estimate of Burden: 0.5 hour per quarterly report.

Respondents: Manufacturers of concrete masonry units.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 320 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Kirsten Brew, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to Kirsten.Brew@bea.gov and PRAcomments@bea.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608–0049 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential

Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Kirsten Brew, Chief, Multinational Operations Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; by mail at 4600 Silver Hill Rd, Suitland, MD 20746 or via email at Kirsten.Brew@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad (BE-10) obtains data on the financial structure and operations of U.S. parents and their foreign affiliates. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of U.S. direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies. Such data are generally found in enterprise-level accounting records of respondent companies. The benchmark data provide a baseline for subsequent sample-based estimates in non-benchmark years. In particular, they serve as benchmarks for the quarterly direct investment estimates included in the U.S. international transactions, international investment position, and national income and product accounts, and for annual estimates of the U.S. direct investment abroad position and of the activities of U.S. multinational enterprises. The data collected include balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) proposes the following changes:

Data items to be added:

Employment—A question will be added to the Employment section of the BE-10A form to collect data on employees who are on the payroll of the U.S. company but live overseas on a permanent basis. This would include full and part-time employees that work for a foreign affiliate but are paid by the U.S. parent company, and those employees that were hired, or moved, abroad to fill a remote-work position offered by the U.S. parent.

Equity investment—A question will be added to the Assets section of the BE-10C form to collect equity investment in other foreign affiliates, consistent with the BE-10B form.

Data items to be modified:

Supplement A—Will be modified on the BE-10B and C forms to offer more

options for the reasons the foreign business enterprises changed since last reported, such as options for “acquired” or “established” if it is a “new” enterprise, and to identify the date of the transaction for new enterprises.

Advertising—Question 109 which collects advertising sales data on the BE-10B form will be expanded to capture additional sales detail by affiliated and unaffiliated customer.

Digital economy—Questions on services provided via digital intermediation platforms collected on the BE-10A (items 60–62) and BE-10B (item 108), and questions on digital delivery and digital ordering collected on the BE-10A (items 63–65) and BE-10B forms (items 110–112) will be modified to more accurately reflect terminology used by BEA survey respondents, and to reflect updates to the definitions of digitally ordered and delivered in the Handbook on Measuring Digital Trade (second edition) jointly authored by the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

II. Method of Collection

This survey is a benchmark survey, or census. The potential respondent universe for the 2024 Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, BE-10, consists of all U.S. persons (in the broad legal sense, including companies) that own 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated foreign business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise. Persons subject to the reporting requirements of the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, would be required to respond, whether or not they are contacted by BEA.

BEA will provide respondents with advance notice of the survey by mailing them an announcement of the upcoming survey as soon as possible after the survey has been approved by OMB. Later, in March, respondents will receive notification by mail of their obligation to file; responses covering a reporting company’s fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year are due by May 31.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system for use in reporting on the BE-10 annual survey forms. In addition, BEA posts all its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website (www.bea.gov/dia). These may be downloaded, completed, printed, and submitted via fax or mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0049.

Form Number: BE–10.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,000 respondents (U.S. parents). A complete response includes a BE–10 A form for the U.S. parent’s domestic operation and one or more BE–11 B, C, or D forms for its foreign affiliates that meet the BE–11 survey requirements. BEA estimates that U.S. parents will submit 29,000 A forms, 20,100 B forms, 15,500 C forms, 29,000 D forms, and 1,700 Claim for Exemption forms.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 842,700 hours. Total annual burden is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of submissions of each form by the average hourly burden per form, which is 11 hours for the A form, 19 hours for the B form, 6 hours for the C form, 2 hours for the D form, and .5 hours for the Claim for Not Filing form.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 29 hours per respondent (842,700 hours/29,000 U.S. parents) is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company structure, complexity, and the number of foreign affiliates each U.S. parent must report.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (P.L. 94–472, 22 U.S.C. 3101–3108, as amended).

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including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review and Join Annual Inquiry Service List

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda E. Brown, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Liaison Unit, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4735.

Background

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213, that the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

All deadlines for the submission of comments or actions by Commerce discussed below refer to the number of calendar days from the applicable starting date.

Respondent Selection

In the event Commerce limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews initiated pursuant to requests made for the orders identified below, Commerce

intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the period of review. We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (APO) to all parties having an APO within five days of publication of the initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 35 days of publication of the initiation **Federal Register** notice. Therefore, we encourage all parties interested in commenting on respondent selection to submit their APO applications on the date of publication of the initiation notice, or as soon thereafter as possible. Commerce invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within five days of placement of the CBP data on the record of the review.

In the event Commerce decides it is necessary to limit individual examination of respondents and conduct respondent selection under section 777A(c)(2) of the Act:

In general, Commerce finds that determinations concerning whether particular companies should be “collapsed” (*i.e.*, treated as a single entity for purposes of calculating antidumping duty rates) require a substantial amount of detailed information and analysis, which often require follow-up questions and analysis. Accordingly, Commerce will not conduct collapsing analyses at the respondent selection phase of a review and will not collapse companies at the respondent selection phase unless there has been a determination to collapse certain companies in a previous segment of this antidumping proceeding (*i.e.*, investigation, administrative review, new shipper review or changed circumstances review). For any company subject to a review, if Commerce determined, or continued to treat, that company as collapsed with others, Commerce will assume that such companies continue to operate in the same manner and will collapse them for respondent selection purposes. Otherwise, Commerce will not collapse companies for purposes of respondent selection. Parties are requested to: (a) identify which companies subject to review previously were collapsed; and (b) provide a citation to the proceeding in which they were collapsed. Further, if companies are requested to complete a Quantity and Value Questionnaire for purposes of respondent selection, in general each company must report volume and value data separately for itself. Parties should not include data for any other party, even if they believe they should be treated as a single entity with that other party. If a company was

collapsed with another company or companies in the most recently completed segment of a proceeding where Commerce considered collapsing that entity, complete quantity and value data for that collapsed entity must be submitted.

Deadline for Withdrawal of Request for Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), a party that requests a review may withdraw that request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. The regulation provides that Commerce may extend this time if it is reasonable to do so. Determinations by Commerce to extend the 90-day deadline will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Deadline for Particular Market Situation Allegation

Section 504 of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015 amended the Act by adding the concept of particular market situation (PMS) for purposes of constructed value under section 773(e) of the Act.¹ Section 773(e) of the Act states that “if a particular market situation exists such that the cost of materials and fabrication or other processing of any kind does not accurately reflect the cost of production in the ordinary course of trade, the administering authority may use another calculation methodology under this subtitle or any other calculation methodology.” When an interested party submits a PMS allegation pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce will respond to such a submission consistent with 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v). If Commerce finds that a PMS exists under section 773(e) of the Act, then it will modify its dumping calculations appropriately.

Neither section 773(e) of the Act nor 19 CFR 351.301(c)(2)(v) set a deadline for the submission of PMS allegations and supporting factual information. However, in order to administer section 773(e) of the Act, Commerce must receive PMS allegations and supporting factual information with enough time to consider the submission. Thus, should an interested party wish to submit a PMS allegation and supporting new factual information pursuant to section 773(e) of the Act, it must do so no later than 20 days after submission of initial Section D responses.

Opportunity to Request a Review: Not later than the last day of May 2024,²

¹ See Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Public Law 114-27, 129 Stat. 362 (2015).

² Or the next business day, if the deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday or any other day when Commerce is closed.