

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Chemical Weapons Convention Provisions of the Export Administration Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, 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 October 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments by email to Mark Crace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, at [mark.crace@bis.doc.gov](mailto:mark.crace@bis.doc.gov) or to [PRAcomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAcomments@doc.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0694–0117 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 Mark Crace, IC Liaison, Bureau of Industry and Security, phone 202–714–8178 or by email at [mark.crace@bis.doc.gov](mailto:mark.crace@bis.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is a multilateral arms control treaty that seeks to achieve an international ban on chemical weapons (CW). The CWC prohibits, the use, development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, and direct or indirect transfer of chemical weapons. This collection implements the following export provision of the treaty in the Export Administration Regulations:

Schedule 1 notification and report: Under Part VI of the CWC Verification

Annex, the United States is required to notify the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the international organization created to implement the CWC, at least 30 days before any transfer (export/import) of Schedule 1 chemicals to another State Party. The United States is also required to submit annual reports to the OPCW on all transfers of Schedule 1 Chemicals.

Schedule 3 End-Use Certificates: Under Part VIII of the CWC Verification Annex, the United States is required to obtain End-Use Certificates for exports of Schedule 3 chemicals to States not Party to the CWC to ensure the exported chemicals are only used for the purposes not prohibited under the Convention.

**II. Method of Collection**

Electronically or on paper.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0694–0117.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 72.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 36 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* 0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* CWC Implementation Act (Pub. L. 105–277, Division I), Executive Order 13128, DOC's CWC Regulation (15 CFR 710, *et seq.*).

**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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of Industry and Security****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Miscellaneous Short Supply Activities**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

*Title:* Miscellaneous Short Supply Activities.

*OMB Control Number:* 0694–0102.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Average Hours per Response:* 100.5 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 201.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection comprises two rarely used short supply activities: "Registration of U.S. Agricultural Commodities for Exemption from Short Supply