

disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made to the subject practice standard.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

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: Advance Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services Survey.

Form Number(s): SM-44(00)A, SM-44(00)AS, AM-44(00)AE, and SM-72(00)A.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0104.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 4,500 hours.

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Advance Monthly Retail Sales and Food Services Survey (MARTS) was developed in response to requests by government, business, and other users to provide an early indication of current retail trade activity at the United States level. Policymakers such as the Federal Reserve board need to have the most timely estimates in order to anticipate economic trends and act accordingly. The U. S. Census Bureau tabulates the collected data to provide, with measured reliability, statistics on United States retail sales. MARTS also provides monthly sales estimates of food service establishments and drinking places. These sales estimates are used by the Council of Economic Advisers, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Federal Reserve Board, and other government agencies as well as business users in formulating economic decisions. Sales estimates from this survey provide the earliest possible look at consumer spending and are necessary for the calculation of the personal consumption portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). These estimates have a high priority because of their timeliness. Without the Advance Monthly Retail Sales and Food Services Survey, the Census Bureau's earliest measure of retail sales is the "preliminary" estimate

from the full monthly sample released about 40 days after the reference period.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: September 30, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Application for Designation of a Fair

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 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 December 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Linda Harbaugh,

Department of Commerce, ITA, Office of Travel and Tourism Industries, Room 7025, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; Phone: (202) 482-2404; Fax: (202) 482-4279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The International Trade Administration, Service Industries, Tourism & Finance, Office of Travel & Tourism Industries, offers trade fair guidance and assistance to trade fair organizers, trade fair operators, and other travel and trade oriented groups. These fairs open doors to promising trade markets around the world. These trade fairs provide an opportunity for showcasing quality exhibitors and products from around the world. The "Application for Designation of a Fair" is a questionnaire that is prepared and signed by an organizer to begin the certification process. It asks the fair organizer to provide details as to the date, place, and sponsor of the fair, as well as license, permit, and corporate backers, and countries participating. To apply for the U.S. Department of Commerce certification, the fair organizer must have all of the components of the application in order. Then, with the approval, the organizer is able to bring their products into the U.S. in accordance with Customs laws. Articles which may be brought in, include, but are not limited to, actual exhibit items, pamphlets, brochures, and explanatory material in reasonable quantities relating to the foreign exhibits at a trade fair, and material for use in constructing, installing, or maintaining foreign exhibits at a trade fair.

II. Method of Collection

The request is mailed, faxed, or e-mailed from to Department of Commerce, Office of Travel and Tourism Industries, to the Trade Fair Chairperson.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0625-0228.

Form Number: ITA-4135P.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 220.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 110.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2200.

IV. Requested for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance