

value of shipments, employment, payroll, workers' hours, capital expenditures, cost of materials consumed, supplemental labor costs, and so forth. This survey, conducted on a sample basis, covers all manufacturing industries, including data on plants under construction but not yet in operation.

#### **Survey of Industrial Research and Development**

The Survey of Industrial Research and Development measures spending on research and development activities in private U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information in accordance with a joint project between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau and the NSF publish the results in their respective publication series. Five data items in the survey provide interim statistics collected in the Census Bureau's economic censuses. These items (total company sales, total employment, total expenditures for research and development conducted within the company, federally-funded expenditures for research and development within the company, and total expenditures and federally-funded expenditures for research and development within the company by state) are collected on a mandatory basis under the authority of Title 13, U.S.C. Responses to all other data collected are voluntary.

#### **Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization**

The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization is designed to measure the use of industrial capacity. The survey collects information on actual output and estimates of potential output in terms of value of production. These data are the basis for calculating rates of utilization of full production capability and use of production capability under national emergency conditions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., chapter 45, the OMB approved the 2003 Annual Surveys under the following OMB Control Numbers: Current Industrial Reports—0607–0206, 0607–0392, 0607–0395, and 0607–0476; Annual Survey of Manufactures—0607–0449; Survey of Industrial Research and

Development—3145–0027; and Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization—0607–0175. We will provide copies of each form upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0001.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the Annual Surveys in the Manufacturing Area be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

**Charles Louis Kincannon,**  
*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of the Census**

**[Docket Number 031113278–3278–01]**

#### **Annual Retail Trade Survey**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Retail Trade Survey. The Census Bureau has determined that it needs to collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States, year-end inventories, purchases, accounts receivables, and, for select industries, merchandise line sales and percent of sales by class of customer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Piesto, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 763–2747.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Annual Retail Trade Survey is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, e-commerce sales, and purchases for 2003 and year-end inventories for 2002 and 2003. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2003 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within 30 days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys that are necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code, sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. For 2003, the survey will, as it has in the past, operate as a separate sample of retail companies. The data collected in this survey will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 United States Code, Chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607–0013. We will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey. Additional copies are available on written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests