

potential petitioners that believe that an industry in the United States is being injured because a foreign competitor is being subsidized unfairly. Since a variety of detailed information is required under the law before initiation of a countervailing duty investigation, the Form is designed to extract such information in the least burdensome manner possible.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-7340.

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 e-mail dhynek@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office building, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 2, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Generic Clearance for Master Address File (MAF) and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) Update Activities

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625,

14th and Constitution Avenue, 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(s) and instructions should be directed to Bob Tomassoni, Bureau of the Census, SFC2, Room 1308A, Washington, DC 20233. Phone Number 301-763-2036 (or via the Internet at Robert.G.Tomassoni@Census.Gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau presently operates a generic clearance covering activities involving respondent burden associated with updating our Master Address File (MAF) and Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER) system. (The MAF is the Census Bureau's address database and TIGER is the geographic database.) We now propose to extend that generic clearance to cover update activities we will undertake during the next three fiscal years.

Under the terms of the generic clearance, we plan to submit a request for OMB approval that will describe all planned activities for the entire period; we will not submit a clearance package for each updating activity. We will send a letter to OMB at least two weeks before the planned start of each activity that gives more exact details, examples of forms, and final estimates of respondent burden. We also will file a year-end summary with OMB after the close of each fiscal year giving results of each activity conducted. This generic clearance enables OMB to review our overall strategy for MAF and TIGER updating in advance, instead of reviewing each activity in isolation shortly before the planned start. The Census Bureau used the MAF for mailing and delivering questionnaires to households during Census 2000. The MAF is also used as a sampling frame for our demographic current surveys. In the past, the Census Bureau built a new address list for each decennial census. The MAF we built for Census 2000 is meant to be kept current, thereby, eliminating the need to build a completely new address list for future censuses and surveys. The TIGER is a geographic system that maps the entire country in Census Blocks with applicable address range or living quarter location information. Linking MAF and TIGER allows us to assign each address to the appropriate Census Block, produce maps as needed and publish results at the appropriate level of geographic detail. The following are

descriptions of each activity we plan to conduct under the clearance for the next three fiscal years.

1. Record Linkage Follow-Up (Address Duplication Check) Evaluation

In an effort to compile the most accurate Master Address File (MAF), the Census Bureau is planning the Record Linkage Follow-Up Address Duplication Check Operation to evaluate three different unduplication methods, one duplicate address linking software currently used by our Geography Division (GEO) and possibly two probabilistic matching software programs used by our Planning, Research, and Evaluation Division (PRE).

This operation will address the Census Coverage Improvement objective, which attempts to minimize coverage errors and to gain insight into the causes of housing unit duplication through externally focused, probes and edits and examination of internal processing approaches.

The Record Linkage Follow-Up Address Duplication Check will be conducted in the field to confirm probable housing unit duplicates identified by the unduplication criteria established for the probabilistic record matching and linking software, and not already reconciled from other 2004 Census Test field activities. This 2004 Census Test operation addresses the following question: "Can we reduce duplication at the time of the initial Master Address File (MAF) extract and during address list updating from Address Canvassing and from Update/Leave by using improved address record linkage methods?"

The major objective of the Record Linkage Follow-Up Address Duplication Check operation is to determine the accuracy and future use of address unduplication prior to census operations. Verifiers will perform an Address Duplication Check on housing unit duplicates identified by probabilistic linkage.

The 2004 Census Test Record Linkage Follow-Up Address Duplication Check operation will be conducted in the NW Queens, NY test site and in Colquitt, Tift, and Thomas counties in Georgia and will be managed out of Local Census Offices. The operation will take place between August 16, 2004 and September 17, 2004 and will consist of a maximum workload of 10,800 addresses.

The universe of linked addresses will come from output generated by the Auto Match and Big Match software and from GEO providing a file that includes the results of their duplicate confidence