

collected in this survey will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic censuses.

The Census Bureau will select a probability sample of service firms and organizations in the United States (with receipts or revenue size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 1995 Service Annual Survey. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, national level statistics on receipts and revenue for these industries. We will mail report forms to the firms covered by this survey and require their submission within thirty days after receipt.

This survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB approval control number 0607-0422 in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, Public Law 96-511, as amended. We will provide copies of the forms upon written request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the Service Annual Survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 13, 1995.
Martha Farnsworth Riche,
Director, Bureau of the Census.
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Bureau of Export Administration

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Foreign Availability Assessment: Initiation of an Assessment on "Stored Program Controlled" Equipment for Testing Integrated Circuits

AGENCY: Bureau of Export
Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of an
assessment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the receipt of an allegation of foreign availability, the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is initiating a "denied license" assessment to investigate the foreign availability of "stored program controlled" equipment for testing integrated circuits, and is seeking public comments on the foreign availability of these systems.

DATES: The period for submission of information will close on or before February 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit information relating to the allegation of foreign availability to: Maurice Cook, Economic Analysis

Division, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1089, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maurice Cook, Economic Analysis Division, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Export Administration, Telephone: (202) 482-5953; E-mail: MCOOK@BXA.DOC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Export Administration assesses claims of foreign availability for items controlled for national security purposes under the provisions of Section 5 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the Act), according to procedures and criteria set forth in Part 791 of the Export Administration Regulations. Although the Act has expired, the President invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and continued in effect the system of controls, to the extent permitted by law, in Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, and Notice of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767). Under a policy of conforming its actions under the Executive Order, insofar as appropriate, to the provisions of the Act, BXA is following the provisions of Section 5 of the Act in initiating this assessment of foreign availability.

On November 6, 1995, BXA accepted, for filing, a "denied license" foreign availability submission. This submission followed the denial of three license applications for export to the People's Republic of China of "stored program controlled" equipment for testing integrated circuits. This test equipment is controlled for national security reasons under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 3B01A: Equipment for the manufacture or testing of semiconductor devices or materials, and specially designed components and accessories therefor.

Upon acceptance of the submission, BXA initiated a "denied license" assessment of the foreign availability of "stored program controlled" equipment for testing integrated circuits. Consistent with the requirements of the Act, BXA intends to publish the results of the assessment by April 6, 1996.

The "denied license" assessment procedure is designed to determine whether a specific license application should be approved on the grounds of foreign availability—it is *not* intended to trigger the removal of U.S. export controls on an item. If the assessment leads to a positive determination of

foreign availability, the Secretary of Commerce will determine whether a "decontrol assessment" is warranted.

To assist BXA in conducting its assessment of whether foreign availability exists, the Economic Analysis Division, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, will accept information regarding the foreign availability of "stored program controlled" equipment for testing integrated circuits. This information must be relevant to the particular exports as described in the denied license applications (i.e., the availability within the People's Republic of China, from non-U.S. sources, of "stored program controlled" equipment for testing integrated circuits). Persons who wish to submit relevant information concerning this foreign availability assessment may submit it to the Economic Analysis Division at the address indicated in the Addresses section of this notice.

Information relevant to the foreign availability assessment may include, but is not limited to, the following: (1) Foreign manufacturers' catalogues, brochures, or operations or maintenance manuals, (2) articles from reputable trade publications, (3) photographs, and (4) depositions based on eyewitness accounts. Supplement No. 1 to Part 791 of the EAR provides additional examples of evidence that may be helpful in conducting this assessment.

The Economic Analysis Division (EAD) will give full and careful consideration to all information submitted in response to this notice that is relevant to this foreign availability assessment. EAD will use this information to supplement other sources of information during its evaluation of the allegation of foreign availability.

EAD will also accept comments or information accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its proprietary nature or for any other reason. The information for which confidential treatment is requested should be submitted to EAD separately from any non-confidential information. The top of each page should be marked with the term "Confidential Information". A non-confidential summary, which will be made available for public inspection, must accompany each submission of confidential information. EAD will accept only those confidential submissions that are appropriately identified as such. Any confidential submission that is not appropriately labeled or that does not include a non-confidential summary will be returned to the sender.

Information that is accepted by EAD as privileged under section (b)(3) or (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(3) and (b)(4)) will be kept confidential and will not be available for public inspection, except as authorized by law. In addition, communications from agencies of the United States Government or foreign governments will not be made available for public inspection.

All other information submitted in response to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying. In the interest of accuracy and completeness, the Department of Commerce requires that comments be submitted in writing. Oral comments must be followed by written memoranda, which will also be a matter of public record and made available for public inspection and copying.

The public record of information received in response to this foreign availability assessment will be maintained in the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4525, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Records in this facility, including written public comments and memoranda summarizing the substance of oral communications, may be inspected and copied in accordance with regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained by contacting Theodore Zois, Bureau of Export Administration Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, at the above address or by calling (202) 482-1525.

Because the Department of Commerce is subject to strict statutory time limits in conducting foreign availability assessments, the period for submission of relevant information will close February 16, 1996. The Department will consider all information received before the close of the comment period in conducting the foreign availability assessment. Information received after the end of the comment period will be considered, if possible, but its consideration cannot be assured.

Accordingly, the Department encourages persons who wish to provide information related to this foreign availability assessment to do so at the earliest possible time to ensure that the Department is able to fully consider such information.

Dated: December 15, 1995.
Sue E. Eckert,
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4561, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Department of Education (ED) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing

or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement.
Title: Financial and Performance Report, Library Services and Construction Act, Titles I, II and III.

Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping: Responses: 55.

Burden Hours: 110.
Abstract: The State Library Administrative Agency submits the Financial and Performance Report reflecting project expenditures and completion data, the relationship of the projects to the LSCA Long-range Plan, and evaluation project data for Title I (Public Library Services); Title II (Public Library Construction and Technology Enhancement); and Title III (Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing).

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.
Title: Case Studies for Direct Loan Evaluation.

Frequency: On occasion.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping: Responses: 1.
Burden Hours: 363.

Abstract: Contractor will conduct site visits of institutions participating in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program to capture information about successful practices, required resources, and experiences with ED administration of the program.