

and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "International Price Program—U.S. Export Price Indexes." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before June 23, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

The U.S. Export Price Indexes, produced continuously by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' International Price Program (IPP) since 1971, measure price change over time for all categories of exported products, as well as many services. The Office of Management and Budget has listed the Export Price Indexes as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator since 1982. The indexes are

widely used in both the public and private sectors. The primary public sector use is the deflation of the U.S. Trade Statistics and the Gross Domestic Product; the indexes also are used in formulating U.S. trade policy and in trade negotiations with other countries. In the private sector, uses of the Export Price Indexes include market analysis, inflation forecasting, contract escalation, and replacement cost accounting.

The IPP indexes are closely followed statistics and are viewed as a sensitive indicator of the economic environment. The U.S. Department of Commerce uses the monthly statistics to produce monthly and quarterly estimates of inflation-adjusted trade flows. Without continuation of data collection, it would be extremely difficult to construct accurate estimates of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. In addition, Federal policymakers in the Department of Treasury, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Federal Reserve Board utilize these statistics on a regular basis to improve these agencies' formulation and evaluation of monetary and fiscal policy and evaluation of the general business environment.

#### **II. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### **III. Current Action**

The IPP continues to modernize data collection and processing to permit more timely release of its indexes, and to reduce reporter burden. Recently, for example, the IPP has attempted to cut back the number of months during any given year an individual respondent would need to supply data. Respondents are only asked for data in those months that they indicated that they might normally have changes in their prices. The IPP is also looking into less frequent sampling of more stable item areas, use of broader item areas in certain cases, and retention of items initiated in previous samples that reporters still trade. In order to reduce the time required for processing new items, direct entry of initiation data from the field was recently implemented. The IPP is continuing to test the feasibility of using fax transmissions to directly collect and enter data into the BLS reporters' repricing database. In Fiscal Year 2003 the IPP is also developing a web-based data collection system designed to permit respondents to enter data directly into the IPP's monthly database.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* International Price Program/U.S. Export Price Indexes.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0025.

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

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Initiation visit (includes form 3008) .....	1,400	Annually .....	1,400	1.0	1,400
Form 3007D .....	2,950	Monthly .....	19,175	.5847	11,213
Totals .....	4,350	.....	20,575	.....	12,613

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the

information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of April, 2003.

**Jesús Salinas,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY****International Watch Advisory Committee Meetings (Conference Calls); Correction**

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The National Council on Disability published a document in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 2002, concerning meeting dates for its International Watch Advisory Committee. The document contained one incorrect date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan M. Durocher, Attorney Advisor and Designated Federal Official, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; (202) 272-2004 (voice), (202) 272-2074 (TTY), (202) 272-2022 (fax), [jdurocher@ncd.gov](mailto:jdurocher@ncd.gov) (e-mail).

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of December 2, 2002, in FR Doc. 02-30401, on page 71595, correct the "Time and Dates for 2003" caption to read:

*Time and Dates for 2003:* 12 noon, Eastern Time, January 9, March 13, May 20, July 3, September 4, November 6.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

**Ethel D. Briggs,**

*Executive Director.*

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**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS****Sunshine Act; Meeting**

**TIMES AND DATES:** 1 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2003; 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

**PLACE:** Chicago, Illinois, at the Sofitel Hotel, 20 East Chestnut Street, in the Grand/Chicago Ballroom.

**STATUS:** May 5—1 p.m. (Closed); May 6—8 a.m. (Open).

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:****Monday, May 5—1 p.m. (Closed)**

1. Strategic Planning.
2. Financial Performance.
3. Filing with the Postal Rate Commission for Parcel Returns Experiment.
4. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC2002-2, Experimental Rate and Service Changes to Implement Negotiated Service Agreement with Capital One Services, Inc.
5. Capital Investment—Additional Funding Request for Biohazard Detection Systems (BDS).

6. Unresolved Audit Recommendation.

7. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

**Tuesday, May 6—8 a.m. (Open)**

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 31–April 1, 2003.

2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.

3. Charters of Board Committees.

4. Capital Investments.

a. Mail Processing Infrastructure—Phase 1.

b. 6,240 Carrier Vehicles.

5. Great Lakes Area and Chicago District Report.

6. Tentative Agenda for the June 2, 2003, meeting in Washington, DC.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** William T. Johnstone, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**William T. Johnstone,**

*Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

**Extension**

Form 2-E, Rule 609, SEC File No. 270-222, OMB Control No. 3235-0233

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

- Form 2-E under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales pursuant to Rule 609 of Regulation E. Rule 609 under the Securities Act of 1933, Report of Sales.

Form 2-E [17 CFR 239.201] is used by small business investment companies or business development companies engaged in limited offerings of securities to report semi-annually the progress of the offering, including the number of shares sold. The form solicits

information such as the dates an offering has commenced and has been completed, the number of shares sold and still being offered, amounts received in the offering, and expenses and underwriting discounts incurred in the offering. This information assists the staff in determining whether the issuer has stayed within the limits of an offering exemption.

Form 2-E must be filed semi-annually during an offering and as a final report at the completion of the offering. Less frequent filing would not allow the Commission to monitor the progress of the limited offering in order to ensure that the issuer was not attempting to avoid the normal registration provisions of the securities laws.

During the calendar year 2002, there were four filings of Form 2-E by two respondents. The Commission estimates, based on its experience with disclosure documents generally and Form 2-E in particular, and based on informal contacts with the investment company industry, that the total annual burden associated with information collection, Form 2-E preparation, and submission is four hours per filing or 16 hours for all respondents.

The estimates of average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even representative survey or study of the cost of Commission rules and forms.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 23, 2003.

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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