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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Appointment of Members.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, *as amended*, the United States Department of Agriculture announces the appointment of 11 individuals to fill vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. Appointments are for a three-year term, effective October 1, 2001, until September 30, 2004, with the exception of one two-year appointment resulting from a member resignation after serving one year. Advisory Board terms beyond September 30, 2002, are contingent upon the reauthorization of the Board in accordance to Sec. 802 of Pub. L. 104-127.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office; Room 344A, Jamie L. Whitten Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2255; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2255; telephone: (202) 720-3684; fax: (202) 720-6199; or e-mail: smorgan@reeusda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of Pub. L. 104-127, the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a

specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed in September 1996, and one-third of the 30 members were appointed for a one, two, and three-year terms, respectively.

As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members expired September 30, 2001. In addition, one vacancy exists due to the resignation of the Category P appointee. The Secretary of Agriculture has designated appointees to fill all 11 vacancies. Appointees, by category, are as follows: Category E—National Animal Commodity Organizations, Paul C. Genho, Vice President, King Ranch, Inc., Kingsville, Texas, and Former Chair, National Cattleman's Beef Association; Category H—National Food Animal Science Societies, Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University, and President, American Society of Animal Science; Category I—National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture or Weed Science Societies, Martin A. Massengale, President Emeritus, Foundation Distinguished Professor, and Director, Center for Grassland Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (reappointed); Category N—1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, including Tuskegee University, McArthur Floyd, Research Director, School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Associate Director, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, and Professor of Soil Microbiology, Alabama A&M University; Category O—1994 Equity in Education Land-Grant Institutions, Judith Davis, Dean, Academic Affairs, Dull Knife Memorial College, Lamie Deer Montana; Category P—Hispanic-Serving Institutions (2-year term), Castell Vaughn Bryant, President, Miami-Dade Community College North Campus, Miami, Florida; Category T—Food Retailing and Marketing, George H. Hoffman, President and CEO, Restaurant Services, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida; Category V—Rural Economic Development, Walter J. Armbruster, President, Farm Foundation, Oak Brook, Illinois; Category W—National

Consumer Interest Groups, Barbara Stowe, Dean Emeritus, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, former Senior Advisor, AESOP Enterprises, Ltd., Washington, DC (reappointed); Category X—National Forestry Groups, George Samuel Foster, Jr., Dean, College of Forest Resources, Director, Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Mississippi State University; and Category Y—National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups, Peter H. Raven, Director, Missouri Botanical Garden, and National Medal of Science recipient.

Appointees' terms began on October 1, 2001, and end September 30, 2004, with the exception of the Category P term which ends on September 30, 2003.

Done at Washington, DC this 20th day of December 2001.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 011214300-1300-01]

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: Scott Scheleur, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2713.

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 2001 and year-end inventories for 2000 and 2001. 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 2001 Annual Retail Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys 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. The data collected in this survey will be 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.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

William G. Barron, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 020103003-2003-01]

Annual Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Trade Survey. The Census Bureau has determined that it needs to collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories, and purchases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Scheleur, Service Sector Statistics Division, on (301) 457-2713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Annual Trade Survey is a continuation of similar wholesale trade surveys conducted each year since 1978. It provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, e-commerce sales (including Electronic Data Interchange-EDI) and purchases for 2001 and year-end inventories for 2000 and 2001. 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 merchant wholesale establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2001 Annual Trade Survey. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within thirty days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys 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 wholesale trade for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in this survey will be 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.

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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 Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0195. 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.

Dated: December 18, 2001.

William G. Barron, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on January 24, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions which affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2000, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.