

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Richard Hough, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD HQ-7K150A, 4600 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, MD 20746, (301) 763-4823 (or via the internet at richard.s.hough@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau, with support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), plans to conduct a pilot of the new Business Research and Development Survey (BRDS) for the 2008 survey year. The BRDS represents a revision to the currently approved annual collection of the Survey of Industrial Research and Development.

The Census Bureau has conducted the Survey of Industrial Research and Development (SIRD) since 1957, collecting primarily financial information on the systematic work companies were undertaking with the goal of discovering new knowledge or using existing knowledge to develop new or improved goods and services. During the past 50 years, the NSF and Census Bureau have made changes to the content of the SIRD based on input from companies responding to the survey as well as users of the data. The fundamental concepts of the survey were largely untouched. More recently, prompted by recommendations from the 2005 Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) Report, *Measuring Research and Development Expenditures in the U.S. Economy*, the NSF and Census Bureau began a full-scale redesign of the SIRD. The goal of the redesign was to produce high-quality, relevant data on R&D in the business sector that took into account the changing reality of R&D and innovation.

An inter-agency team evaluated the need for different types of data as well as the availability of those data within company records. This evaluation has resulted in numerous proposed changes. The content changes include but are not limited to:

- Adopting a definition of R&D based on accounting standards.
- Collecting worldwide R&D of domestic companies.
- Collecting business segment detail.
- Collecting R&D related capital expenditures.
- Collecting more detailed data about the R&D workforce.
- Gauging the R&D strategy of companies, and the potential impact of R&D on the market.

- Identifying R&D directed to application areas of particular national interest.
- Measuring intellectual property and technology transfer.

Because of the broad scope of the data that will be requested, it is unlikely that a single point of contact within each company will be best able to answer all the questions. The BRDS will utilize a modular instrument that will facilitate obtaining of information from various contacts within each company that have the best understanding of the concepts and definitions being presented as well as access to the information necessary to provide the most accurate response. The modules have been defined by grouping questions based on subject matter areas within the company and currently include: A financial module focused on company R&D expenses; a human resources module; an R&D strategy and management module; an IP and technology transfer module; and a module focused on R&D that is funded or paid for by third parties. A web version of the survey is also being developed using this same approach. This modular instrument design is a departure from the SIRD and poses unique challenges in terms of contact strategies. Only companies identified as having a significant amount of R&D expenses will receive the modular version of the BRDS. All other companies will receive a shorter version of the survey.

The 2008 BRDS pilot will be mailed to the entire sample. A comprehensive response analysis study will be conducted prior to the 2009 survey year. We will utilize the historic time series to evaluate data items that are intended to collect the same concepts presented in the SIRD.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms and a web based collection for the pilot. Companies will be asked to respond within 60 days of the initial mail out.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0912.

Form Number: BRD1 & BRD1A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not for-profit institutions; r-profit; non-farm companies with 5 or more employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes to 24 hours (Average time: 4 hours).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 155,300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 182, 224, and 225.

IV. Request for Comments

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 15, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments**

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before May 12, 2008. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 2104, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 2104.
Docket Number: 08-010. Applicant: University of Dayton Research Institute, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-0106. Instrument: Electron Microscope,

Model FEI Quanta 600 FEG. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Czech Republic. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for characterization of organic matrix composites. The objective of this research is to develop advanced aerospace composite materials designed for sustained service temperatures between 450F and 600F. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 25, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-011. Applicant: University of Minnesota Institute of Technology Characterization Facility, 12 Shepherd Labs, 100 Union Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G2 F30 Twin. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for tomographic 3D imaging of cells, cell organelles and molecular complexes, as well as high-resolution imaging at liquid nitrogen temperatures. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 27, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-012. Applicant: Alfred E. Mann Foundation for Scientific Research, 25134 Rye Canyon Loop, Suite 200, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model FEI Inspect S. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Czech Republic. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to examine grain size and phase transformation boundaries of ceramics, metallurgical reactions in braze and weld joints and critical dimension measurements and materials research in microelectronic components. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 31, 2008.

Docket Number: 08-013. Applicant: National Institutes of Health, 18 Library Drive, MSC 5430, Bethesda, MD 20892. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G2 20 Twin. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study various areas of molecular cell biology, including the mechanisms of intracellular protein trafficking, the biogenesis and dynamics of intracellular organelles, the developmental control of the cell cycle, iron metabolism in humans and the genetic response to environmental stress. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: April 7, 2008.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

Faye Robinson,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 21, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

At the request of interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom for the period May 1, 2006, through April 30, 2007. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, Request for Revocation in Part and Deferral of Administrative Review*, 72 FR 35690 (June 29, 2007). On November 16, 2007, we rescinded in part the administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on ball bearings and parts thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom. See *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 72 FR 64577 (November 16, 2007). On January 16, 2008, we extended the due date for the completion of the preliminary results of reviews by 75 days. See *Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews*, 73 FR 2887 (January 16, 2008). The preliminary results of the reviews still underway are currently due no later than April 15, 2008.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of these reviews within the current time limit because of the number of respondents covered by these reviews and complex issues involving, *inter alia*, several respondents' recent changes in corporate structure. Therefore, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of these reviews by 15 days until April 30, 2008.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: April 15, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Canned Pineapple Fruit from Thailand: Notice of Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review of the Antidumping Duty Order and Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order

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

SUMMARY: On March 7, 2008, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation and preliminary results of a changed circumstances review and intent to revoke the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit (CPF) from Thailand. See Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Intent to Revoke Order, 73 FR 12377 (March 7, 2008) (Initiation and Preliminary Results). We received no comments from interested parties. Thus, we