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Dated: June 2, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Proposal To Collect Information on the Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-93 Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons will obtain data on transactions in intangible property rights between U.S. and unaffiliated foreign persons in 1997 and subsequent years. The data are necessary for compiling monthly estimates of U.S. international transactions in goods and services, the U.S. balance of payments,

and the national income and product accounts. The data also will support U.S. trade policy initiatives, including trade negotiations.

To bring the annual BE-93 survey into conformity with current international standards, coverage of general use computer software royalties and license fees is being moved to the BE-93 from the BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be sent to potential respondents in January and responses are due on March 31, each year following the year covered by the survey. All U.S. persons whose total receipts from, or total payments to, unaffiliated foreign persons for intangible rights equaled or exceeded \$500,000 during the covered year are required to report. A U.S. person that receives a form but is not required to report data must file an exemption claim.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0016.

Form Number: BE-93.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: U.S. businesses and other persons receiving royalties and license fees from, or paying royalties and license fees to, unaffiliated foreign persons.

Estimated Number of Responses: 550.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$66,000 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 2,200 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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: June 2, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: R. David Belli, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, BE-50(OC), Washington, DC 20230 (Telephone: 202-606-9800)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BE-22 Annual Survey of Selected Services Transactions With Unaffiliated Foreign Persons will obtain data on transactions in selected services between U.S. and unaffiliated foreign persons in 1997 and subsequent years. The data from this survey will update the results of the 1996 BE-20 benchmark survey of selected services, and will provide sample data for the derivation of universe estimates for years between quinquennial benchmark surveys. The information obtained from the survey is critically needed for tracking international transactions in new, growing, and volatile categories of services. The data are necessary for compiling monthly estimates of U.S. international transactions in goods and services, the U.S. balance of payments,

and the national income and product accounts. The data also will support U.S. trade policy initiatives, including trade negotiations.

To bring the annual BE-22 survey into conformity with the 1996 BE-20 benchmark survey, which closed several gaps in coverage of international services transactions, and to provide annual coverage of a few types of services covered by the previous two benchmark surveys but which have grown to the point where annual coverage is needed, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is considering adding coverage of: purchases (payments) and sales (receipts) of agricultural services; employment agencies and temporary help supply services; operational leasing services; and sales (but not purchases) of merchanting services. BEA is also considering adding a broad category for purchases and sales of "other" business, professional, and technical services; this category would likely cover language-translation services, security services, collection services, actuarial services, salvage services, certain waste cleanup services, and, possibly, other specified services. Finally, to better conform BEA surveys with current international standards, coverage of general use computer software royalties and license fees is being dropped from the BE-22 and moved to the BE-93, Annual Survey of Royalties, License Fees, and Other Receipts and Payments for Intangible Rights Between U.S. and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be sent to potential respondents in January and responses are due on March 31, each year following the year covered by the survey. All U.S. persons who, in the year covered by the survey, had more than \$1,000,000 of purchases from, or sales to, unaffiliated foreign persons in a covered service must report data. U.S. persons who receive a copy of the survey and who had purchases and sales transactions in a covered service with unaffiliated foreign persons of \$1,000,000 or less may voluntarily report the data, or they must file an exemption claim.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0608-0060.

Form Number: BE-22.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses, government agencies, or others engaging in international transactions in covered services.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 11.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$517,500 (based on an estimated reporting burden of 17,250 hours and an estimated hourly cost of \$30).

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 has 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

National Security Assessment of the U.S. Optoelectronics Industry

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karen Swasey, Acting Director, Economic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3882, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-0452).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Commerce/BXA is conducting an assessment of the domestic optoelectronics industry in order to determine the competitiveness of the U.S. industry and its ability to support current and future defense needs.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a non-recurring, mandatory survey. It will be collected in written form.

III. Data

The survey will collect information on the nature of the business performed by each firm; estimated sales and employment data; financial information; research and development expenditures and funding sources; capital expenditures and funding sources; and competitiveness issues.

OMB Number: N/A.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: The domestic optoelectronics industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$63,024 for respondents—no equipment or other materials will need to be purchased to comply with the requirement.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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