

51; U.S. Route 51 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 northwest to State Route 149; State Route 149 west to State Route 3; State Route 3 northwest to State Route 51; State Route 51 south to the Mississippi River;

Bounded on the West by the Mississippi River north to Interstate 270; Interstate 270 east to Interstate 70; Interstate 70 east to State Route 4; State Route 4 north to Macoupin County; the southern Macoupin County line; the eastern Macoupin County line north to a point on this line which intersects with a straight line, from the junction of State Route 111 and the northern Macoupin County line to the junction of Interstate 55 and State Route 16 (in Montgomery County); and

Bounded on the North from this point southeast along the straight line to the junction of Interstate 55 and State Route 16; State Route 16 east-northeast to a point approximately 1 mile northeast of Irving; a straight line from this point to the northern Fayette County line; the northern Fayette, Effingham, and Cumberland County lines.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, the following geographic area, in the States of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, is assigned to Tri-State.

Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, Rush (south of State Route 244), and Switzerland Counties, Indiana.

Bath, Boone, Bourbon, Bracken, Campbell, Clark, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Lewis (west of State Route 59), Mason, Montgomery, Nicholas, Owen, Pendleton, and Robertson Counties, Kentucky.

In Ohio:

Bounded on the North by the northern Preble County line east; the western and northern Miami County lines east to State Route 296; State Route 296 east to State Route 560; State Route 560 south to the Clark County line; the northern Clark County line east to U.S. Route 68;

Bounded on the East by U.S. Route 68 south to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 east to State Route 73; State Route 73 southeast to the Adams County line; the eastern Adams County line;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams, Brown, Clermont, and Hamilton County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Hamilton, Butler, and Preble County lines.

Interested persons, including Minot, Southern Illinois, and Tri-State, are hereby given the opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Designation in the Minot,

Southern Illinois, and Tri-State areas is for the period beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 2000.

Persons wishing to apply for designation should contact the Compliance Division at the address listed above for forms and information.

Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: March 12, 1997.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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Designations for the Lincoln (NE), Memphis (TN), and Omaha (NE), Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Lincoln Inspection Service, Inc. (Lincoln), Memphis Grain Inspection Service (Memphis), and Omaha Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Omaha), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the October 22, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 54760), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Lincoln, Memphis, and Omaha to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 2, 1996. Lincoln, Memphis, and Omaha, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Lincoln, Memphis, and Omaha were the only applicants for the respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Lincoln, Memphis, and Omaha are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective May 1, 1997, and ending April 30, 2000, Lincoln and Omaha are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the October 22, 1996, **Federal Register**. Effective June 1, 1997, and ending April 30, 2000, Memphis is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the October 22, 1996, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Lincoln at 402-435-4386, Memphis at 901-942-3216, and Omaha at 402-341-6739.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey

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 June 2, 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 Stephen Andrews, Bureau of the Census, FOB #4 Room 2102, Washington, DC 20233-6913, (301) 457-4602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) Survey requests data from domestic manufacturers on form M-3(SD) which will be mailed at the end of each month. Data requested are shipments, new orders, unfilled orders, total inventory, materials and supplies, work-in-process and finished goods. It is currently the only survey which provides broad-based monthly statistical data on the economic conditions in the domestic manufacturing sector. It is designed to measure current industrial activity and to provide an indication of future production commitments. The value of shipments measures the value of goods delivered during the month by domestic manufacturers. Estimates of new orders serve as an indicator of future production commitments and represent the current sales value of new orders received during the month, net of cancellations. Substantial accumulation or depletion of backlog of unfilled orders measures excess (or deficient) demand for manufactured products. The level of inventories, especially in relation to shipments, is frequently used to monitor the business cycle.

The total annual burden hours are decreased from 24,000 to 20,400 due to two reasons: (1) companies discontinuing reporting on the survey mainly because the survey is not

mandatory; and (2) the poor response to our survey expansion efforts.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents submit data on form M3-SD via mail or facsimile machine. Respondents also transmit data using the Touchtone Data Entry (TDE) system or by telephone call from our Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) system.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0008.

Form Number: M-3(SD).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,150.

Estimated Time Per Response: .33 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$263,775.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 131 and 182.

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: March 26, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 02/19/97-03/14/97

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Wilson Woodworks, Inc	9121 Key Peninsula Highway North, Lakebay, WA 98349.	02/19/97	Log home kits.
Quality Aero, Inc	5305 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901	02/21/97	Model airplane motors, parts for model airplane motors, and model airplane parts.
Wishbone Woodworks, Inc	110 Brodhead Street, Mazomanie, WI 53560	02/26/97	Walnut award plaques.
Seaway Plastic Productions, Inc	6033 Sherwin Drive, Port Richey, FL 34668 ..	02/26/97	Electronic and medical component parts for computers, telephones, pumps and dialysis machines.
Mohawk Resources, Inc	P.O. Box 110 Vrooman, Amsterdam, NY 12010.	02/27/97	Service lifts for cars, trucks and busses.
Ponderosa Products, Inc	1701 Bellamah, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87125.	03/06/97	Particleboard and components.
Semiconductors, Inc	3680 Investment Lane, Riviera Beach, FL 33404.	03/10/97	Transistors and diodes.
Canvas Fabricators, Inc	P.O. Box 8, Carthage, MO 64836	03/11/97	Tarpaulins for trucks and boats and for awnings.
Two seeds Co., Ltd	2325 West Vancouver, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.	03/12/97	Fishing rods.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently,

the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether

increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm