

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 35.  
*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 5.5.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 193.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1,041 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, (202) 692-0040.

#### 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 will have practical utility; (b) 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; (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 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. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 14 2016.

**Tony Hernandez,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee Discussing Current Civil Rights Concerns in the State

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Illinois Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. CDT. The purpose of this meeting is to

discuss current civil rights in the state, and to identify potential areas of study for the next Committee inquiry.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888-428-9490, conference ID: 2361414. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement at the end of the meeting. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353-8324, or emailed to Carolyn Allen at *callen@usccr.gov*. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353-8311.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=246>. Click on the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links to download. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

#### Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions  
 Review of written comment:  
 Environmental Justice in Illinois  
 Discussion of civil rights topics for

study  
 Public Comment  
 Future plans and actions  
 Adjournment

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. CDT.  
*Public Call Information:* Dial: 888-428-9490; Conference ID: 2361414.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Wojnaroski at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov* or 312-353-8311.

Dated: June 20, 2016.

**David Mussatt,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 160607498-6498-01]

##### Current Mandatory Business Surveys

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) has determined that it is conducting the following current mandatory business surveys for 2016: Annual Retail Trade Survey, Annual Wholesale Trade Survey, Service Annual Survey, Company Organization Survey, Annual Survey of Manufactures, Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey, Annual Capital Expenditures Survey, Business R&D and Innovation Survey, Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs, Management and Organizational Practices Survey, and the Business & Professional Classification Report. We have determined that data collected from these surveys are needed to aid the efficient performance of essential governmental functions and have significant application to the needs of the public and industry. The data derived from these surveys, most of which have been conducted for many years, are not publicly available from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

**ADDRESSES:** The Census Bureau will furnish reporting formats to organizations included in the surveys. Additional copies are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nick Orsini, Assistant Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau, 5H160, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone: 301-763-2558; Email: *Nick.Orsini@census.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The surveys described herein are authorized by Title 13, United States Code, sections 131 and 182 and are necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses. These surveys are made mandatory under the provisions of sections 224 and 225 of Title 13, United States Code. These surveys will provide continuing and timely national statistical data for the period between economic censuses. The data collected in the surveys will be within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. The next economic census will be conducted for the year 2017.

#### **Annual Retail Trade Survey**

The Annual Retail Trade Survey collects data on annual sales, sales tax, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States, total operating expenses, purchases, and accounts receivable from a sample of employer firms with establishments classified in retail trade as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

#### **Annual Wholesale Trade Survey**

The Annual Wholesale Trade Survey collects data on annual sales, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held both inside and outside of the United States, method of inventory valuation, total operating expenses, purchases, gross selling value, and commissions from a sample of employer firms with establishments classified in wholesale trade as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

#### **Service Annual Survey**

The Service Annual Survey collects annual data on total revenue, select detailed revenue, total and detailed expenses, and e-commerce revenue for a sample of businesses in the service industries, including Utilities; Transportation and Warehousing; Information; Finance and Insurance; Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Administration and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services; Educational Services; Health Care and Social Assistance; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Accommodation and Food Services (starting in survey year 2016); and Other Services as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

#### **Company Organization Survey**

The Company Organization Survey collects annual data on ownership or

control by a domestic or foreign parent and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities such as employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities, operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments from a sample of multi-establishment enterprises in order to update and maintain a centralized, multipurpose Business Register (BR) and also serves as a collection instrument for the Enterprise Statistics Program (ESP).

#### **Annual Survey of Manufactures**

The Annual Survey of Manufactures collects annual industry statistics, such as total value of shipments, employment, payroll, workers' hours, capital expenditures, cost of materials consumed, supplemental labor costs, and so forth. This survey is conducted on a sample basis, and covers all manufacturing industries, including data on plants under construction but not yet in operation.

#### **Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey**

The Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey collects annual data on sales and unfilled orders in order to provide annual benchmarks for unfilled orders for the monthly Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders (M3) survey. The Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey data are also used to determine whether it is necessary to collect unfilled orders data for specific industries on a monthly basis, as some industries are not requested to provide unfilled orders data in the M3 Survey.

#### **Annual Capital Expenditures Survey**

The Annual Capital Expenditures Survey collects annual data on the amount of business expenditures for new and used structures and equipment from a sample of non-farm, non-governmental companies, organizations, and associations. Both employer and nonemployer companies are included in the survey. The data are the sole source of investment in buildings and other structures, machinery, and equipment by all private nonfarm businesses in the United States, by the investing industry, and by kind of investment.

#### **Business R&D and Innovation Survey**

The Business R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDIS) collects annual data on spending for research and development activities by businesses. This survey replaced the Survey of Industrial

Research and Development that had been collected since the 1950's. The BRDIS collects global as well as domestic spending information, more detailed information about the R&D workforce, and information regarding innovation and intellectual property from U.S. businesses. The Census Bureau collects and compiles this information in accordance with a joint project agreement between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Census Bureau. The NSF posts the joint project's information results on their Web site.

#### **Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs**

The Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs (ASE) collects annual data from a sample of employer firms on the characteristics of the business and business owner(s). Estimates are produced for the number of firms, sales/receipts, annual payroll, and employment by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status. The ASE introduces a new topical module each year to measure a relevant business component related to business productivity and growth. The module fielded in 2016 for reference year 2015 will cover management and business practices. The ASE is a joint effort funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), and the Census Bureau.

#### **Management and Organizational Practices Survey**

The Management and Organizational Practices Survey collects data periodically on management and organizational practices at the establishment level from a sample of manufacturing plants in order to produce estimates of the stock of management and organizational assets.

#### **Business & Professional Classification Report**

The Business & Professional Classification Report collects one-time data on a firm's type of business activity from a sample of newly organized employer firms. The data are used to update the sampling frames for our current business surveys to reflect these newly opened establishments. Additionally, the business classification data will help ensure businesses are directed to complete the correct report in the economic census.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

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 currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 45, OMB approved the surveys described in this notice under the following OMB control numbers: Annual Retail Trade Survey, 0607-0013; Annual Wholesale Trade Survey, 0607-0195; Service Annual Survey, 0607-0422; Company Organization Survey, 0607-0444; Annual Survey of Manufacturers, 0607-0449; Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders Survey, 0607-0561; Annual Capital Expenditures Survey, 0607-0782; Business R&D and Innovation Survey, 0607-0912; Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs, 0607-0986; Management and Organizational Practices Survey, 0607-0963; and, Business & Professional Classification Report, 0607-0189.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the current mandatory business surveys be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: June 17, 2016.

**John H. Thompson,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-570-037]

**Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the "Department") preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain biaxial integral geogrid products ("geogrids") from the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The period of investigation is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. We invite interested parties to comment on this preliminary determination.

**DATES:** Effective Date: June 24, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Palmer or Ryan Mullen, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202.482.9068 or 202.482.5260, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Scope of the Investigation**

The products covered by this investigation are geogrids from the PRC. For a complete description of the scope of this investigation, see Appendix II.

**Methodology**

The Department is conducting this countervailing duty ("CVD") investigation in accordance with section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the "Act"). For a full description of the methodology underlying our preliminary conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memo.<sup>1</sup> The Preliminary Decision Memo is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement & Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System ("ACCESS"). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov>, and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memo can be

accessed directly on the Internet at <http://trade.gov/enforcement/frn/index.html>. The signed Preliminary Decision Memo and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memo are identical in content.

The Department notes that, in making these findings, we relied, in part, on facts available and, because one or more respondents did not act to the best of their ability to respond to the Department's requests for information, we drew an adverse inference, where appropriate, in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.<sup>2</sup> For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Decision Memo.

**Alignment**

As noted in the Preliminary Decision Memo, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), we are aligning the final CVD determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty ("AD") investigation of geogrids from the PRC.<sup>3</sup> Consequently, the final CVD determination will be issued on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled to be issued no later than October 31, 2016, unless postponed.

**Preliminary Determination and Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we calculated an estimated individual countervailable subsidy rate for each producer/exporter of the subject merchandise individually investigated. We preliminarily determine these rates to be:

Company	Subsidy rate
BOSTD Geosynthetics Qingdao Ltd. and Beijing Orient Science & Technology Development Co., Ltd .....	16.60
Taian Modern Plastic Co., Ltd .....	30.65
All Others .....	23.63
Chengdu Tian Road Engineering Materials Co., Ltd* .....	128.27
Chongqing Jiudi Reinforced Soil Engineering Co., Ltd* .....	128.27
CNBM International Corporation* .....	128.27
Dezhou Yaohua Geosynthetics Ltd* .....	128.27
Dezhou Zhengyu Geosynthetics Ltd* .....	128.27

<sup>1</sup> See Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Countervailing Duty Investigation of

Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products from the People's Republic of China: Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Determination," dated concurrently with this notice ("Preliminary Decision Memo").

<sup>2</sup> See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act.

<sup>3</sup> See *Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 81 FR 7755 (February 16, 2016).