

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
4-Anilino-N-Phenethyl-4-Piperidine (ANPP).	8333	II
Norfentanyl (N-phenyl-N-(piperidin-4-yl) propionamide).	8366	II

The company plans to bulk manufacture the listed controlled substances for the internal use as intermediates for formulation and analytical development purposes. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

**Claude Redd,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

[Docket No. DEA-1310]

**Bulk Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Application: Siegfried USA, LLC**

**AGENCY:** Drug Enforcement Administration, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Siegfried USA, LLC has applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of basic class(es) of controlled substance(s). Refer to **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** listed below for further drug information.

**DATES:** Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants therefore, may submit electronic comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before March 19, 2024. Such persons may also file a written request for a hearing on the application on or before March 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The Drug Enforcement Administration requires that all comments be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, which provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Please go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Upon submission of your comment, you will receive a Comment Tracking Number. Please be aware that submitted comments are not instantaneously available for public view on <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you have received a Comment Tracking Number, your comment has been

successfully submitted and there is no need to resubmit the same comment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), this is notice that on November 28, 2023, Siegfried USA, LLC, 33 Industrial Park Road, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070-3244, applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substance(s):

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid.	2010	I
Noroxymorphone .....	9145	I
Hydromorphinol .....	9301	I
Amphetamine .....	1100	II
Lisdexamfetamine .....	1205	II
Methylphenidate .....	1724	II
Amobarbital .....	2125	II
Pentobarbital .....	2270	II
Secobarbital .....	2315	II
Codeine .....	9050	II
Oxycodone .....	9143	II
Hydromorphone .....	9150	II
Hydrocodone .....	9193	II
Methadone .....	9250	II
Methadone intermediate ..	9254	II
Morphine .....	9300	II
Oripavine .....	9330	II
Thebaine .....	9333	II
Opium tincture .....	9630	II
Oxymorphone .....	9652	II
Tapentadol .....	9780	II

The company plans to bulk manufacture the listed controlled substances in bulk for sale to its customers. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

**Claude Redd,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This

program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the International Price Program (IPP) U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before March 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room G225, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes, produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' International Price Program (IPP), measure price change over time for all categories of imported and exported products, as well as selected services. The IPP has produced the U.S. Import Price Indexes (MPI) continuously since 1973 and the U.S. Export Price Indexes (XPI) continuously since 1971. The Office of Management and Budget has listed the Import and Export Price Indexes (MXPI) as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator since 1982. The indexes are widely used in both the public and private sectors. The primary public sector use is the deflation of the U.S. monthly trade statistics and the quarterly estimates of U.S. Gross Domestic Product; the indexes also are used in formulating U.S. trade policy and in trade negotiations with other countries. In the private sector, uses of the Import Price Indexes include market analysis, inflation forecasting, contract escalation, and replacement cost accounting.

The MXPI are closely followed statistics and are viewed as a key indicator of the economic environment. The U.S. Department of Commerce uses the monthly statistics to produce monthly and quarterly estimates of

inflation-adjusted trade flows. Without continuation of data collection, it would be extremely difficult to construct accurate estimates of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. In fact, a budget proposal to curtail publication of the export price indexes beginning in FY15 was not supported by the Commerce Department which explained that a viable substitute is not available.

Additionally, Federal policymakers in the Department of Treasury, the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Federal Reserve Board utilize these statistics on a regular basis to improve these agencies' formulation and evaluation of monetary and fiscal policy and evaluation of the general business environment.

## II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for a revision of the U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes information collection. The IPP revision is a transition from using survey data as a source of prices for approximately a third of the current sample of merchandise goods to using administrative data from the Census Bureau as an alternative source. This revision to data collection is in line with past actions to modernize data collection and to reduce reporter burden. Modernization was introduced in 2003 with the IPP web application. In 2018, paper surveys were eliminated, and the web application became the near universal method for respondents to update their data online and more rapidly than previously.

The IPP has implemented several systems changes over the years in order to reduce burden for web respondents. In 2019, the IPP adopted the use of a new web application format/layout. Previously, the web survey used separate pages for each part of the repricing process; now, the web application utilizes modal windows in combination with separate pages. In September 2022, the Program introduced new functionality (referred to internally as "Web Lite"), which allows respondents to upload files of price information without using a login; the files are reviewed by analysts who manually enter the price data into IPP's repricing application.

The current revision is focused on the planned implementation of an alternative data source for some of the Import and Export Price Indexes (MXPI); the data source is administrative data in the form of trade transaction records of shipments reported by U.S. importers and

exporters. Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the IPP will calculate unit value indexes based on the trade transaction records from the Department of Commerce for a range of homogenous commodity and product areas and will calculate upper level price indexes by blending these unit value indexes with directly collected survey data for the other product areas, to calculate and publish the MXPI for merchandise goods. This approach is based on new research and new statistical methods.

Historically, unit value indexes have not been considered a good substitute for directly collected data in the calculation of price indexes for any but the most homogenous of commodities. The use of unit value indexes in the statistical community has been limited to homogenous commodities due primarily to the potential for unit value bias, which is a measurement of a price trend that imprecisely measures price changes due to product composition or quality change, instead of price changes due to markets. Advances and improvements in coverage, accuracy, and level of detail of the trade transaction records have improved, and new statistical methods for addressing and mitigating unit value bias have recently been developed. The necessity to address a recent downward trend in IPP's traditional data collection, in light of these improvements, prompted the Program to consider the use of unit value indexes in the MXPI.

In 2018, the IPP launched a major research initiative to analyze the fitness for use of unit value indexes based on administrative trade data in place of directly collected data for more homogenous product areas. With the application of new methods for mitigating unit value bias, the IPP has constructed research import and export price indexes based on administrative trade data for January 2012 through December 2021. Comparison of the research data sets to official (published and unpublished) import and export price indexes were sufficiently robust to indicate that unit value indexes based on administrative trade data can be used in place of directly collected data for many of IPP's homogenous product price indexes. Additional details and research data sets are accessible from the MXP Research page (<https://www.bls.gov/mxp/data/research.htm>).

This new data source also allows for the expansion of published lower-level indexes and improves index quality; while the existing MXPI are based entirely on a modified Laspeyres formula (as current trade weights are not

available), the availability of current period weights in the administrative trade data allows the IPP to apply a Tornqvist formula to lower-level aggregates. (The Tornqvist formula is considered superior to the Laspeyres formula for handling substitution bias, a well-known problem for fixed-basket price indexes which do not account for consumer expenditure switching from relatively more expensive products to cheaper ones as prices change.)

In addition to the expansion of published indexes and improvement in index quality, the implementation of the unit value indexes will result in a considerable drop in respondent burden as fewer companies will be contacted because fewer survey-based prices will be needed to support publication of the MXPI. A detailed technical explanation regarding the use of the alternative administrative data source and the methodological approach used to integrate the data source into the official MXPI are available in IPP's **Federal Register** Notice published on September 11, 2023 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/09/11/2023-19486/comment-request>).

## III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate 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.
- Evaluate 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.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Title of Collection:* International Price Program (IPP) U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0025.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden hours
Form 3008		Annually.			
Imports	900		900	1.0	900
Exports	400		400	1.0	400
Total	1,300		1,300		1,300
Repricing Form		Monthly.			
Imports	1,200	8.8 <sup>1</sup>	10,560	<sup>2</sup> 4.777	5,045
Exports	850	9.0 <sup>1</sup>	7,650	<sup>3</sup> 4.320	3,305
Total	2,050		18,210		8,350
Totals			19,510		9,650

<sup>1</sup> During initiation, the respondent determines how many months he/she will need to supply data in a given year based upon how often the company changes its pricing information. The average company is requested to supply information 9.0 months per year for exports and 8.8 months per year for imports.  
<sup>2</sup> Time to reprice is based upon 5 minutes of response time per item × 5,732 items = 28,660 minutes/60 = 4.777 hours.  
<sup>3</sup> Time to reprice is based upon 5 minutes of response time per item × 5,184 items = 25,920 minutes/60 = 4.320 hours.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, on this 12th day of January 2024.

**Leslie Bennett,**  
 Chief, Division of Management Systems.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Veterans (HIRE Vets) Medallion Program**

**AGENCY:** Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), United States Department of Labor (DOL).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the DOL is soliciting public comments regarding this VETS-sponsored information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

**DATES:** Comments pertaining to this information collection are due on or before March 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronic submission:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail submission:* 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room S-5315, Washington, DC 2020.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the DOL, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the DOL's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randall Smith by telephone at 202-693-4745 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [HIREVets@dol.gov](mailto:HIREVets@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HIRE Vets Medallion Program is a voluntary employer recognition program administered by the Department of Labor—Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS). Through the HIRE Vets Medallion Program, VETS will solicit voluntary applications from employers for an award called the HIRE Vets Medallion Award. These awards are intended to recognize employer efforts to recruit, employ, and retain our Nation's veterans. All employers who employ at least one employee are eligible to apply for the Award.

This information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

The DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an Information Collection Review cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that currently approved information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL-VETS.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without changes.

*Title of Collection:* HIRE Vets Medallion Program.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1293-0015.  
*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,236.  
*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 34,711.  
*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 59,571 hours.  
*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.  
*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: January 12, 2024.

**Julian Purdy,**  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service.  
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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Meeting of Humanities Panel**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will hold one meeting of the Humanities Panel, a federal advisory committee, during