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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE-577, Quarterly Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—Transactions of U.S. Reporter With Foreign Affiliate

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email to [Amanda.Budny@bea.gov](mailto:Amanda.Budny@bea.gov) and [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0608-0004 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Amanda Budny, Chief, Direct Transactions and Positions Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce; via phone at (301) 278-

9154; or via email at [Amanda.Budny@bea.gov](mailto:Amanda.Budny@bea.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Quarterly Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad—Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate (Form BE-577) obtains quarterly data on transactions and positions between U.S.-owned foreign business enterprises and their U.S. parents, except certain private funds. The survey is a sample survey that covers all foreign affiliates above a size-exemption level. The sample data are used to derive universe estimates in nonbenchmark years from similar data reported in the BE-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, which is conducted every five years. The data are essential for the preparation of the U.S. international transactions accounts, the national income and product accounts, the input-output accounts, and the international investment position of the United States. The data are needed to measure the size and economic significance of direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is proposing a change to the BE-577 survey reporting requirements that will reduce respondent burden and increase the efficiency of data collection.

##### Description of Changes

The proposed change amends the reporting requirements for the BE-577 survey. Specifically, BEA proposes to increase the valuation threshold in the basic requirement for the survey. Currently, a BE-577 form is required for each (1) directly-owned *foreign affiliate* for which total assets; annual sales or gross operating revenue, excluding sales taxes; or annual net income after provision for *foreign* income taxes was greater than \$60 million (positive or negative) at any time during the *affiliate's* fiscal reporting year and each (2) indirectly-owned *foreign affiliate* that met the \$60 million threshold and had an intercompany receivable or payable balance with the *U.S. reporter* that exceeded \$10 million.

BEA proposes to increase the threshold for filing the BE-577 from \$60 million to \$500 million. BEA has determined that this increased threshold on the BE-577 would be sufficient to collect the information necessary to provide data users with insightful statistics measuring the economic impact of these investments. This proposed change would reduce

respondent burden and the BEA resources needed to collect and process these investments.

##### II. Method of Collection

Notice of specific reporting requirements, including who is to report, the information to be reported, the manner of reporting, and the time and place of filing reports, will be mailed to potential respondents each quarter. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each calendar or fiscal quarter—45 days if the report is for the final quarter of the respondent's financial reporting year. Reports are required from each U.S. person that has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock in an incorporated foreign business enterprise, or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise, and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-577. Certain private funds are exempt from reporting. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by BEA. Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

Potential respondents are those U.S. business enterprises that reported owning foreign business enterprises in the 2024 benchmark survey of U.S. direct investment abroad, along with entities that subsequently entered the direct investment universe. The data collected are sample data. Universe estimates are developed from the reported sample data.

BEA offers electronic filing through its eFile system ([www.bea.gov/efile](http://www.bea.gov/efile)) for use in reporting on the BE-577 survey forms. In addition, BEA posts its survey forms and reporting instructions on its website ([www.bea.gov/dia](http://www.bea.gov/dia)).

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0608-0004.

*Form Number:* BE-577.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, reinstatement without change.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500 U.S. parents filing for 12,700 foreign affiliates per quarter, 50,800 annually.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company structure and complexity.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50,800.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* International Investment and Trade in Services

Survey Act (P.L. 94–472, 22 U.S.C. 3101–3108, as amended by P.L. 98–573 and P.L. 101–533).

#### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department of Commerce/Bureau of Economic Analysis to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Prince William Sound Ferry Terminal Improvement Projects in Cordova, Chenega, and Tatitlek, Alaska

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorizations.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued three incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Prince William Sound Ferry Terminal Improvement Projects (PWS Projects) in Cordova, Chenega, and Tatitlek, Alaska.

**DATES:** These authorizations are effective for one year from the date of notification by the IHA-holders, not to exceed one year from the date of issuance (July 25, 2025).

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-alaska-department-transportation-and-public-facilities-prince>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cara Hotchkin, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### MMPA Background and Determinations

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to

rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On June 4, 2025, a notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue three IHAs to ADOT&PF for take of marine mammals incidental to the Prince William Sound Ferry Terminal Improvement Projects (PWS Projects) in Cordova, Chenega, and Tatitlek, Alaska was published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 23814, June 4, 2025). In that notice, NMFS indicated the estimated numbers, type, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHAs be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHAs, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHAs. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to draft IHAs for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No substantive comments were received during the public comment period. There are no changes to the specified activity, the species taken, the proposed numbers, type, or methods of take, or the mitigation, monitoring, or reporting measures in the proposed IHAs notice. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHAs notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHAs notice are considered final.

##### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of three IHAs) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

These actions are consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216–