

IV. Request for Comments

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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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 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 on the proposed extension of the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions, prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 18, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Thomas.J.Smith@census.gov. Please reference Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions in the subject line of your comments. You may also submit comments, identified by Docket Number USBC–2026–0298, to the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed William Abriatis, U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Indicators Division, (301) 763–3686, or william.m.abriatis@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales and Completions, also known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). The SOC is co-sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The SOC collects monthly data on new residential construction from a sample of owners or builders. The Census Bureau uses the Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) electronic questionnaires SOC–QI/SF.1 and SOC–QI/MF.1 to collect data on start and completion dates of construction, physical characteristics of the structure (floor area, number of bathrooms, type of heating system, etc.), and if

applicable, date of sale, sales price, and type of financing. The SOC provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts and Housing Completions, which are from the New Residential Construction series, and New Residential Sales. The current clearance for this survey is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2027.

We sample approximately 1,613 new buildings each month (approximately 19,353 per year). We inquire about the progress of each building multiple times until it is completed (and a sales contract is signed, if it is a single-family house that is built for sale). For single-family buildings, we conduct an average of 9.6 interviews and for multifamily buildings, we conduct an average of 8.5 interviews. The total number of interviews conducted from 2023 through 2025 was averaged and for single-family buildings is approximately 120,312 and for multifamily buildings is about 57,390. Each interview takes 5 minutes on average. Therefore, the total annual burden is 14,809 hours. Compared to the period 2020–2022, sampled construction projects are taking longer to start, complete, and sell. Since projects are interviewed until the project is completed or sold for the single-family for sale category, this is leaving projects in sample for longer resulting in a higher average interview amount for 2023–2025. While the amount of sampled projects has decreased, the average interviews per case increasing results in a modest increase in total annual burden for this collection.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to collect the data. The field representatives conduct interviews to obtain data.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0110.
Form Number(s): SOC–QI.SF.1 and SOC–QI/MF.1.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for an Extension, without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We sample 19,353 new buildings each year. This results in an estimated 177,702 interviews per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,809.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 131 and 182; Title 12 U.S.C., Sections 1701z-1 and 1701z-2g

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-84-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 43, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Pfizer Inc.; (Pharmaceutical Products); Kalamazoo and Portage, Michigan

Pfizer Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facilities in Kalamazoo and Portage, Michigan within Subzone 43E. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 9, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. The proposed finished product(s) and material(s)/component(s) would be added to the production authority that the Board previously approved for the operation, as reflected on the Board's website.

The proposed finished product is phthalimido lactol (pharmaceutical Intermediate product, white to off-white crystalline solid) (duty rate 6.5%).

The proposed foreign-status material/component is 3-phthalimidopropionaldehyde (3-PPA, white to off white powder) (duty rate 6.5%).

The request indicates that the material/component is subject to duties under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232) and or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 232 and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing period for their receipt is August 31, 2026.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information System" section of the Board's website.

For further information, contact Christopher Wedderburn at Chris.Wedderburn@trade.gov.

Dated: July 15, 2026.

Elizabeth Whiteman,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-85-2026]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 93, Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc.; (High Purity Gases for Semiconductor Manufacturing); Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina within FTZ 93. The notification conforming to the requirements of the Board's regulations (15 CFR 400.22) was received on July 10, 2026.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website—accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

The proposed finished products include: deuterium, electronic grade B2H6 inert gases blends, electronic grade GeH4, and electronic grade GeH4 and inert gases blends (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.7%).

The proposed foreign-status materials/components include: heavy water, diborane blend with hydrogen, and germane (duty rate ranges from duty-free to 3.7%).

The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 122), section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (section 232), or section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable section 122, section 232, and section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).