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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 260914-0002; RTID 0607-XC088]

Proposed Data Sharing Activity

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is proposing to share certain business data with the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) within the Department of Commerce. In accordance with the requirements of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA), the Census Bureau and BEA are providing the opportunity for public comment on this data sharing activity.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments are being requested through the following method:

Electronic submission: Submit public comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter Docket Number USBC-2026-0595 in the search field.

2. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields.

3. Enter or attach your comments.

All comments responding to this document will be a matter of public record. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>.

All comments received are part of the public record. All Personally Identifiable Information (*e.g.*, 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: For additional information concerning this notice, contact Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Associate Director for Economic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233-6010, Telephone: 301-763-9844; by email at Lisa.E.Donaldson@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The CIPSEA allows, "designated statistical agencies" to share business data in identifiable form for statistical purposes with BEA (44 U.S.C. 3576). Both the Census Bureau and BEA are primary statistical agencies within the U.S. Department of Commerce and "designated statistical agencies" under CIPSEA (44 U.S.C. 3576(e)). BEA and the Census Bureau are authoritative sources on economic data and statistics, including principal federal economic indicators. These statistics inform the government, private industry, statistical researchers, and the American public about our nation's economic status and progress. To ensure accurate and timely reporting of economic data and indicators, the Census Bureau and BEA partner to measure the U.S. economy. Both the Census Bureau and BEA conduct survey collections, which are critical to the quality of source data and the timely preparation of many key indicators of U.S. economic performance. However, the Census Bureau and BEA recognize that these surveys impose some reporting burden on businesses that are required to respond. Both the Director of the Census Bureau and the Director of BEA are required to identify opportunities to eliminate duplicative collections, reduce reporting burdens, and reduce statistical program costs, while improving the quality of the resulting statistics and protecting the confidentiality of the data collected from survey respondents (44 U.S.C. 3576(b)). To do so, the Census Bureau and BEA have shared and continue to consider increased opportunities to share business data pursuant to CIPSEA.

CIPSEA requires public notice of the intent to share data, whenever the data

to be shared were collected through mandatory reporting and when the respondents were not informed that identifiable data could be shared among the designated statistical agencies (44 U.S.C. 3576(c)(4)). This required notice must allow for 60 days of public comment. CIPSEA also requires the designated statistical agencies to enter into written agreements for the data sharing activity and to provide information about the terms of the written agreement in the public notice (44 U.S.C. 3576(c)(4)).

The Census Bureau and BEA are providing notice that they intend to enter into a written agreement for this data sharing action. Therefore, the following are covered in this notice:

- Data items from the Census Bureau that BEA will access;
- Improvement of statistical products and economic indicators by use of data for statistical purposes; and
- Legal authority regarding confidentiality and data access.

Shared Data

The Census Bureau will provide, and BEA will use, select company-level data from the Census Bureau's Economic Census, the Commodity Flow Survey, the Quarterly Financial Report, the Annual Integrated Economic Survey, the Business and Professional Classification Survey, and the Annual Business Survey (including historical Business Enterprise and Research Development survey data).

The Census Bureau conducts the Quarterly Financial Report under the authority of 13 U.S.C. 91. The Census Bureau conducts all of the other listed surveys under the authority of 13 U.S.C. 131, 182, and/or 193. Response is mandatory under 13 U.S.C. 224 and 225.

The Census Bureau will not provide any Federal Tax Information to BEA.

Statistical Purposes for the Shared Data

BEA will use the shared data exclusively for authorized statistical purposes, as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3561(12). Census Bureau aggregated data from these surveys are a key source of information for BEA national, regional, and international accounts. BEA will use the company-level data to better understand trends, anomalies, coverage, completeness, and other characteristics of the aggregated data. In addition, BEA will compare the Census

Bureau data at the company level with data collected from BEA surveys.

A number of benefits also will accrue to BEA, the Census Bureau, and the Federal government from this data-sharing activity. This data sharing will enhance the reliability of the nation's most important economic indicators, such as the National Income and Product Accounts; increase understanding of the United States economy, especially for key national, industry, international, and regional statistics; improve the comparability and accuracy of Federal economic statistics by allowing BEA and the Census Bureau to update sample frames, develop consistent classifications of establishments and companies into industries; improve coverage, and reconcile significant differences in data produced by the agencies; and develop more accurate measures of the impact of technology on productivity growth. This data sharing also may lead to collaborative efforts to provide new or expanded data products for the public. Through sharing existing data, the Census Bureau and BEA can achieve these efficiencies and improvements without additional burden to respondents, consistent with 44 U.S.C. 3576.

Data Access and Confidentiality

The Census Bureau data are confidential under 13 U.S.C. 9 and 214. BEA employees who will have authorized access to confidential Census Bureau data are required to obtain Census Bureau Sworn Special Status under 13 U.S.C. 23(c). They will be sworn to observe the provisions of 13 U.S.C. 9 and will be advised of the penalties for improper disclosure under 13 U.S.C. 214. The penalties are imprisonment for no more than five years, a fine of no more than \$250,000, or both. These BEA employees must also complete annual training on compliance with these statutory provisions. The authorized BEA employees will use the accessed data for exclusively statistical purposes, as outlined in this Notice.

Dated: September 17, 2026.

George Cook,

Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Director of the Census Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 2185]

Reissuance of the Grant of Authority for Subzone 165A; Phillips 66 Company; Borger, Texas

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

The Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) has considered the application (docketed March 4, 2026) submitted by the City of Midland, grantee of FTZ 165, requesting reissuance of the subzone grant of authority for the Phillips 66 Company facilities in Borger, Texas, to the City of Amarillo, grantee of FTZ 252, which has accepted such reissuance subject to approval by the FTZ Board. Upon review, the Board finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest.

Therefore, the Board approves the application and recognizes the City of Amarillo as the new grantee of the Phillips 66 Company subzone, which is hereby redesignated as Subzone 252A, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including section 400.13.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–174, C–570–175]

Certain Brake Drums From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that imports of compacted graphite iron (CGI) brake drums, from the People's Republic of China (China), constitute later-developed merchandise that is circumventing the antidumping

duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on certain brake drums (brake drums) from China. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination.

DATES: Applicable September 22, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Schaub at (202) 482–0907 or Cassie Graham at (202) 482–2159, Office of Policy, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 12, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD and CVD orders on brake drums from China.¹ On January 27, 2026, in response to a request from Webb Wheel Products, Inc. (Webb, a domestic interested party), Commerce initiated a country-wide circumvention inquiry pursuant to section 781(d) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), to determine whether imports of CGI brake drums from China constitute later-developed merchandise that is circumventing the *Orders* and, accordingly, should be covered by the scope of the *Orders*.²

On April 20, 2026, Commerce selected, in alphabetical order: (1) CAIEC Trailer Master Co., Ltd. (CAIEC Trailer); (2) Kara CVS Inc. (Kara); and (3) Trailer MASTER CVS INC (Trailer Master), as mandatory respondents in this circumvention inquiry.³ On May 13, 2026, Commerce extended the deadline to issue its preliminary determination by 60 days.⁴ On July 30, 2026, Commerce extended the deadline to issue its preliminary determination by an additional 23 days.⁵ Accordingly, the deadline for this preliminary

¹ See *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Antidumping Duty Orders*, 90 FR 38730 (August 12, 2025) (AD Order); see also *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Türkiye: Countervailing Duty Orders*, 90 FR 38753 (August 12, 2025) (CVD Order) (collectively, *Orders*).

² See *Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 91 FR 3435 (January 27, 2026) (*Initiation Notice*), and accompanying Initiation Checklist, “Certain Brake Drums from the People's Republic of China,” dated January 22, 2026 (*Initiation Checklist*).

³ See Memorandum, “Respondent Selection,” dated April 20, 2026 (Respondent Selection Memorandum).

⁴ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for the Circumvention Inquiry Preliminary Determination,” dated May 13, 2026.

⁵ See Memorandum, “Extension of Deadline for the Preliminary Determination in the Circumvention Inquiry,” dated July 30, 2026.