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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

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BE-185: Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce

ACTION: Notice of Reporting Requirements

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Department of Commerce, is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons (BE-185). This mandatory survey is conducted under the authority of the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act and by Section 5408 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the survey. Reports are due 45 days after the end of the U.S. person's fiscal quarter, except for the final quarter of the U.S. person's fiscal year when reports must be filed within 90 days. This notice is being issued in conformance with the rule BEA issued in 2012 (77 FR 24373) establishing guidelines for collecting data on international trade in services and direct investment through notices, rather than through rulemakings. The BE-125 survey forms and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov/surveys/iussurv.htm.

Definitions:

(a) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(b) *United States person* means any person resident in the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(c) *Foreign person* means any person resident outside the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of a country other than the United States.

Who Must Report: Reports are required from each U.S. person who: (a) had sales of covered financial services to foreign persons that exceeded \$20 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year, or (b) had purchases of covered financial services from foreign persons that exceeded \$15 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year. Because the thresholds are applied separately to sales and purchases, the reporting requirements may apply only to sales, only to purchases, or to both sales and purchases. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

What To Report: The survey is intended to collect information on transactions in the covered financial services between U.S. financial services providers and foreign persons. The survey is intended to collect information on transactions in the covered services occurring in the last quarter of calendar year 2013 and in the first three quarters of calendar year 2014.

How To Report: Reports can be filed via BEA's electronic reporting system at www.bea.gov/efile. Additionally, copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be obtained from the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov/surveys/iussurv.htm. Inquiries can be made to BEA at (202) 606-5588.

When To Report: Reports are due to BEA 45 days after the end of the fiscal quarter, except for the final quarter of the reporter's fiscal year when reports must be filed within 90 days.

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Authority: 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended, and 15 U.S.C. 4908(b)

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