



## 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-10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on 05/02/2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Commerce.

*Title:* Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad.

*OMB Control Number:* 0608-0049.

*Form Number:* BE-10.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 29,000 respondents (U.S. parents). A complete response includes a BE-10 A form for the U.S. parent's domestic operation and one or more BE-11 B, C, or D forms for its foreign affiliates that meet the BE-10 survey requirements. BEA estimates that U.S. parents will submit 29,000 A forms, 20,100 B forms, 15,500 C forms, 29,000 D forms, and 1,700 Claim for Exemption forms.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 29 hours per respondent (842,700 hours / 29,000 U.S. parents) is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in

company structure, complexity, and the number of foreign affiliates each U.S. parent must report.

*Burden Hours:* 842,700 hours. Total annual burden is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of submissions of each form by the average hourly burden per form, which is 11 hours for the A form, 18.5 hours for the B form, 6 hours for the C form, 2 hours for the D form, and 0.5 hours for the Claim for Not Filing form.

*Needs and Uses:* The Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad (BE- 10) obtains data on the financial structure and operations of U.S. parents and their foreign affiliates. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of U.S. direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies. Such data are generally found in enterprise-level accounting records of respondent companies. The benchmark data provide a baseline for subsequent sample-based estimates in non-benchmark years. In particular, they serve as benchmarks for the quarterly direct investment estimates included in the U.S. international transactions, international investment position, and national income and product accounts, and for annual estimates of the U.S. direct investment abroad position and of the activities of U.S. multinational enterprises. The data collected include balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity.

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

*Frequency:* Every five years and covers years ending in 4 and 9.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94-472, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0608-0049.

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