

OMB Number: 3117-0190  
(reinstatement without change).

### Request for Comments

Comments are solicited as to (1) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimization of the burden of the proposed information collection on those who are to respond (including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

### Summary of the Proposed Information Collection

The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with the ITC DataWeb. The ITC DataWeb provides on-line, rapid and customized retrieval of U.S. trade and tariff data and has been an Internet tool primarily for government users. The user registration forms are required to accurately track usage, data reports generated, and costs by user sectors and to save user product and country lists for user reference during future logins. The forms appear on the ITC DataWeb internet site (<http://dataweb.usitc.gov>) and need to be filled out only once.

### Summary of Proposal

- (1) *Number of forms submitted:* One.
  - (2) *Title of form:* ITC Tariff and Trade DataWeb: "Create New User Account Form".
  - (3) *Type of request:* Extension.
  - (4) *Frequency of use:* Single data gathering.
  - (5) *Description of respondents:* Government and private sector users of the on-line ITC DataWeb.
  - (6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 20,000 annually.
  - (7) *Estimated total number of minutes to complete the forms:* 2.0 minutes.
  - (8) Information obtained from the forms that qualify as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.
- Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal (telephone no. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the

Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

By order of the Commission.

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**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-584]

### In the Matter of Certain Alendronate Salts and Products Containing Same; Notice of Investigation

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on August 22, 2006, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Merck & Co., Inc. of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain alendronate salts and products containing same by reason of infringement of U.S. Patent No. 4,922,007. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for

this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay H. Reiziss, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2579.

**Authority:** The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2006).

*Scope of Investigation:* Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on September 18, 2006, ordered that—  
(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain alendronate salts or products containing same by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 4,922,007, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is—Merck & Co., Inc., One Merck Drive, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

(b) The respondent is the following entity alleged to be in violation of section 337, and is the party upon which the complaint is to be served: CIPLA LTD., Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400 008, India.

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is Jay H. Reiziss, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and  
(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Charles E. Bullock is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondent in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of

time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of the respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

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By order of the Commission.

**Marilyn R. Abbott,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed collection, comment request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

**ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before November 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over five calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major

appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

##### **II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the "The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary."

The Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview Survey has recently undergone a thorough review. The proposed changes from this review fall into two major categories: streamlining the current questions in several sections and updating several questions and sections to reflect the current marketplace.

In the streamlining category, the BLS deleted or collapsed obsolete questions. Examples of deleted or collapsed questions include: making refrigerators and freezers one item code rather than two codes in all applicable sections, adding screener questions for some miscellaneous items which reduces the need to ask about each individual item, and regrouping questions about expenditures on food and beverages so fewer questions are asked of the respondent. In addition, the BLS, restructured how expenditures for telephone services and utilities are collected making the collection process more efficient and less burdensome on the respondent.

To keep the survey current, question wording changed and new items were added. Examples of new items added are Voice Over IP services, vacation clubs, changes in premiums for Medicare Part D, interest only mortgages, and reverse mortgages. Question wording also was changed in some sections to collect additional data for some items. Examples of changes to question wording include more detailed information for timeshare properties; questions on installation and set-up charges included with the purchase of televisions, home theater, and audio equipment; and whether, in select Primary Sampling Units (PSUs), a rental property is under rent control. These changes were made to keep the survey current with products and services available in the marketplace and to provide better data for analytical purposes.

A full list of the proposed changes to the Quarterly Interview Survey is