

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey**

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 October 6, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0190.

Form Number(s): SM4217-A, SM4217-E.

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

Number of Respondents: 4,200.

Average Hours per Response: 7 minutes.

Burden Hours: 5,880.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests a three-year extension of the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey (MWTS). The MWTS canvasses firms primarily engaged in merchant wholesale trade that are located in the United States, excluding manufacturers' sales branches and offices (MSBOs). This survey provides the only continuous measure of monthly wholesale sales, end-of-month inventories, and inventories-to-sales ratios. The sales and inventories estimates produced from the MWTS provide current trends of economic activity by kind of business for the United States. Also, the estimates compiled from this survey provide valuable information for economic policy decisions by the government and are widely used by private businesses, trade organizations, professional associations, and other business research and analysis organizations.

Estimates from the MWTS are released in three different reports each month. High level aggregate estimates for end-of-month inventories are first released as part of the Advance Economic Indicators Report. Second, the full Monthly Wholesale Trade Report containing both sales and inventories estimates is released. Lastly, high level sales and inventories estimates from the MWTS are also released as part of the Manufacturing and Trade Inventories and Sales (MTIS) report.

The MWTS sales estimates are also used as an input in the Monthly Real Dollar Estimates of Wholesale Sales experimental data product, first published on September 19, 2022, which is a supplement to the MWTS report. The estimates were created from the nominal MWTS sales series using product weights developed from existing Census Bureau data releases and price indexes from the BLS. Within the report, real dollar sales estimates and corresponding residuals are available for Total Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices, as well as the two 3-digit and eighteen 4-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) wholesale subsectors. Monthly estimates are available from January 2012 forward and are published with the MWTS report each month.

As one of the Census Bureau's principal economic indicators, the estimates produced by the MWTS are critical to the accurate measurement of total economic activity of the United States. The estimates of sales made by wholesale locations represent only merchant wholesalers, excluding MSBOs, who typically take title to goods bought for resale and sell to other businesses. The sales estimates include sales made on credit as well as on a cash basis, but exclude receipts from sales taxes and interest charges from credit sales.

The estimates of inventories represent all merchandise held in wholesale locations, warehouses, and offices, as well as goods held by others for sale on consignment or in transit for distribution to wholesale establishments. The estimates of inventories exclude fixtures and supplies not for resale, as well as merchandise held on consignment, which are owned by others. Inventories are an important component in the Bureau of Economic Analysis' (BEA) calculation of the investment portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The Census Bureau publishes wholesale sales and inventories estimates based on the North American

Industry Classification System (NAICS), which has been widely adopted throughout both the public and private sectors.

The Census Bureau tabulates the collected data to provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on sales, end-of-month inventories, and inventories-to-sales ratios for merchant wholesalers, excluding MSBOs.

The BEA is the primary Federal user of data collected in the MWTS. The BEA uses estimates from this survey to prepare the national income and product accounts (NIPA), input-output accounts (I-O), and gross domestic product (GDP) by industry. End-of-month inventories are used to prepare the change in private inventories component of GDP. The BEA also uses the Advance Economic Indicators Report to improve the inventory valuation adjustments applied to estimates of the Advance Gross Domestic Product. Sales are used to prepare estimates of real inventories-to-sales ratios in the NIPAs, extrapolate proprietors' income for wholesalers (until tax return data become available) in the NIPAs, and extrapolate annual current-dollar gross output for the most recent year in annual I-O tables, GDP-by-industry, and advance GDP-by-industry estimates.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics uses the data as input to its Producer Price Indexes and in developing productivity measurements. Private businesses use the wholesale sales and inventories data in computing business activity indexes. Other government agencies and businesses use this information for market research, product development, and business planning to gauge the current trends of the economy.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 131 and 182.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the 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. 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 0607–0190.

Sheleen Dumas,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments; University of Florida, et al.

This is a decision pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89–651, as amended by Pub. L. 106–36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). On November 22, 2022, the Department of Commerce published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comment on whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments identified in the docket(s) below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. See *Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments, 87FR71302–03, November 22, 2022 (Notice)*. We received no public comments.

Docket Number: 23–001. Applicant: University of Florida, Department of Medical Engineering, 4202 E Fowler Avenue, ENG 030, Tampa, FL 33620. *Instrument:* Bowl-shaped 1024 ultrasound transducer array. *Manufacturer:* Hebei ULSO Tech Company, Ltd., China. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to build up a real-time three-dimensional (3D) Photoacoustic Tomography (PAT) imaging system for a National Institutes of Health (NIH) granted research project. The goal of this research is to develop a novel photoacoustic imaging approach that will allow non-invasive, simultaneous three-dimensional visualization of all the embryos in mouse utero and track their birth/adulthood longitudinally to study the association between maternal alcohol exposure induced fetal hemodynamic changes and the outcome of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) after birth.

Docket Number: 23–002. Applicant: University of South Florida, Department of Medical Engineering, 4202 E Fowler Avenue, ENG 030, Tampa, FL 33620. *Instrument:* Annular ring 256 ultrasound transducer array. *Manufacturer:* Hebei ULSO Tech

Company, Ltd., China. *Intended Use:* This instrument will be used to build up a real-time two-dimensional (2D) Photoacoustic Tomography (PAT) imaging system and a Thermoacoustic Tomography (TAT) imaging system, in which a high-quality transducer probe is the key part. The ultrasound signal generated from the tissue by absorption of pulsed laser in PAT or of microwave source in TAT will be collected by transducer elements from different angles. Using specific imaging reconstruction algorithm, the 2D images of the tissue could be reconstructed. The new PAT and TAT imaging system based on this new transducer probe will be used to study the neural activity and hemodynamic response in the brain of patients with epilepsy.

Docket Number: 23–003. Applicant: University of South Florida, Department of Medical Engineering, 4202 E Fowler Avenue, ENG 030, Tampa, FL 33620. *Instrument:* L-band Microwave source. *Manufacturer:* Hebei ULSO Tech Co., Ltd., China. *Intended Use:* This instrument will be used to build up a real-time two-dimensional (2D) thermoacoustic tomography imaging (TAT) system. It will work with the annular ring-shaped transducer probe (another order). This novel TAT imaging system will be applied in the research of gene therapy, cancer-diagnosis and so on. This new L-band microwave has different center frequency and much stronger output power, will provide the capability to penetrate deeper in the tissue with better image quality.

Dated: December 14, 2022.

Gregory W. Campbell,

Director, Subsidies and Economic Analysis, Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Application No. 03–5A008]

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to California Pistachio Export Council, LLC (“CPEC”), application no. 03–5A008.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (“OTEA”), issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to CPEC on December 7, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Flynn, Director, OTEA,

International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *etca@trade.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4011–21) (“the Act”) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325. OTEA is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary’s determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

CPEC amended its Certificate as follows:

1. Added the following entity as a Member of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(l)):

a. Horizon Nut, LLC

List of Members, as amended:

1. Horizon Nut, LLC
2. Keenan Farms, Inc.
3. Meridian Nut Growers, LLC
4. Monarch Nut Company
5. Primex Farms, LLC
6. Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.
7. Zymex Industries, Inc.

The effective date of the amended certificate is September 9, 2022, the date on which CPEC’s application to amend was deemed submitted.

Dated: December 14, 2022.

Joseph Flynn,

Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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