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General Comment

Compliance Officer Dumas -

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November 21, 2025

Thomas Smith
U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Rd
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Re: *Federal Register* notice of September 11, 2025, for the U.S. Census Bureau's Automated Export System (AES) (OMB Number: 0607-0152)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Census Bureau's Automated Export System (AES). The data collected are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA also supports the addition of the data element, country of origin, when goods of foreign origin are exported, and the evaluation of the data elements related to advance export rail and vessel manifest data. The incorporation and review of these data elements help improve the clarity and accuracy of the U.S. international and national accounts statistics.

BEA uses the export data to prepare U.S. merchandise trade statistics and U.S. trade in services statistics covering transportation services. These statistics are components of the U.S. International Transactions Accounts (ITAs). Data from the ITAs are used for measuring U.S. gross domestic product and for preparing the input-output accounts of the United States.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to the AES. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying this program to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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