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Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Esther Serrano, Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (954) 699–4504.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart L–Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of fruits and vegetables that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section.

APHIS received a request from the national plant protection organization of Guatemala to allow the importation of Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala into the United States. As part of our evaluation of Guatemala’s request, we have prepared a pest risk assessment to identify the pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) into the United States from Guatemala. Based on the pest risk assessment, a risk management document (RMD) was prepared to identify phytosanitary

measures that could be applied to the fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) to mitigate the pest risk.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk assessment and RMD for public review and comment. Those documents, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) fruit from Guatemala, may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk assessment and RMD by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) from Guatemala into the United States subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of March 2024.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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#### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

##### Notice of Public Meeting of the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of community forum.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a community forum in a hybrid format. The purpose of the community forum is

to discuss the Committee’s recently published report on The Status of Civil Rights in the U.S. Virgin Islands and hear from members of the public regarding their perspectives, experiences, or civil rights concerns. To learn more about this community forum, please visit our information page: <https://bit.ly/3vb0YCL>.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Atlantic Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The community forum will be conducted in a hybrid format. If you wish to participate in person, you may attend either of the university’s campus locations; otherwise, please join virtually via the registration link below.

##### Locations:

- Albert A. Sheen Campus, St. Croix (University of Virgin Islands), P692+7W2, Golden Grove, UVI Theater 401, St. Croix, USVI 00851
- Orville E. Kean Campus, St. Thomas (University of Virgin Islands), 2 John Brewers Bay, UVI 13D Research and Strategy Innovation Cente, St. Thomas, USVI 00802

**Register to Attend Virtually:** <https://bit.ly/3IjfrPi>.

**Join by Phone (Audio Only):** 1–833–435–1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 161 943 9491#.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) or 1–202–656–8937.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may attend this meeting in person or virtually. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make oral statements as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email [svillanueva@usccr.gov](mailto:svillanueva@usccr.gov) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following

the scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Sarah Villanueva at [svillanueva@usccr.gov](mailto:svillanueva@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-202-656-8937.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, U.S. Virgin Islands Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at [svillanueva@usccr.gov](mailto:svillanueva@usccr.gov).

#### Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Presentation
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

Dated: March 22, 2024.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization

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 January 16, 2024 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:* Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization.

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0175.

*Form Number(s):* MQ-C2.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 7,500.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The U. S. Census Bureau, on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), within the Department of Defense (DOD), requests an extension of approval for the Quarterly Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization (QPC). The survey provides information on use of industrial capacity in manufacturing and publishing plants as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The Survey of Plant Capacity Utilization began in the 1970's as an annual survey that collected fourth quarter data only. The annual survey continued through 2006. In 2007, the FRB requested that the survey be converted to a quarterly survey due to the necessity for quarterly data rather than annual. The survey is the only governmental source of capacity utilization rates at industry levels. Changes in capacity utilization are considered important indicators of investment demand and inflationary pressure. For these reasons, the estimates of capacity utilization are closely monitored by government policy makers and private sector decision makers.

This survey utilizes a multi-mode data collection process that includes internet reporting and telephone. The survey collects the value of quarterly production, the value of production that could be achieved if operating under "full production" capability, and the value of production that could be achieved if operating under "emergency production" capability. The ratio of the actual to the full is the basis of the estimates for full capacity utilization rates and similarly, the actual to the emergency for the emergency capacity utilization rates. The survey also collects information by shift, on work patterns at the actual production level.

The FRB is the primary user of the current QPC data and expressed the need for these quarterly data. FRB publishes measures of industrial production (IP), capacity, and capacity utilization in its G.17 statistical release, which has been designated by the federal government as a Principal Federal Economic Indicator. Utilization rates from the QPC survey are a

principal source for the measures of capacity and capacity utilization. The indexes of IP are either estimated from physical product data or estimated from monthly data on inputs to the production process, specifically production worker hours. To maintain the quality of the IP index, the collection of these quarterly data, including the utilization rate data and the workweek of capital, is critical to the indicators of capital input use and industry output.

The FRB uses these data in several ways. First, the QPC data are the primary source of information for the capacity indexes and utilization rates published by the FRB. Second, the QPC utilization rate data are used as indicators of output for some industries in the estimation of monthly IP. Third, the survey responses for reasons operating below capacity are valuable indicators for distinguishing between supply chain bottlenecks versus demand constraints affecting manufacturing. Fourth, the QPC utilization rate data and the workweek data are used to improve the projections of labor productivity that are used to align IP with comprehensive benchmark information from the Economic Census covering the Manufacturing sector and the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM). The Census Bureau is launching a new annual survey in 2024, the Annual Integrated Economic Survey (AIES), which will replace the ASM as a source for this benchmark information going forward. Finally, utilization rate data will assist in the assessment of recent changes in IP, as most of the high-frequency movement in utilization rates reflects production changes rather than capacity changes.

The DLA uses the data to assess industrial base readiness and ramp-up time to meet demand for goods under selected national emergency scenarios.

In addition to the FRB and DLA uses, these data are published on the Census Bureau's website, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/qpc.html>.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b); 50 U.S.C., Section 98, *et seq.*; and 12 U.S.C., Section 244.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://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