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MONTHLY RETAIL TRADE REPORT

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ITEM 2 CONTACT PERSON

Name

Title

Telephone (Area code, number, ext.)

FAX (Area code, number)

(Please correct any error(s) in name, address, and ZIP Code)

ITEM 3 FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)

COVERAGE INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, E-COMMERCE SALES, AUXILIARY ESTABLISHMENTS, LEASED DEPARTMENTS AND CONCESSIONS

I. Coverage Instructions

II. Department Stores are establishments primarily engaged in retailing a wide range of the following new products with no one merchandise line predominating: apparel, furniture, appliances, and home furnishings; and selected additional items, such as paint, hardware, toiletries, cosmetics, photographic equipment, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, and limited nonperishable food items. Merchandise lines are normally arranged in separate departments. "Discount stores" are included as department stores, provided they meet the criteria described.

III. E-Commerce Sales are sales of goods and services where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

IV. Auxiliary Establishments are facilities primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services (such as warehouses, garages and central administrative offices) to your retail establishments.

V. Leased Departments and Concessions are separate businesses that lease space on the premises of another business.

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ITEM 4 SALES AND REPORT PERIOD

Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available

Dollars

a. Sales

- (1) **Main store sales**
- (2) **Leased department sales**
- (3) **TOTAL department store sales**
- (4) **E-Commerce Sales** – Report e-commerce sales or their percent of total sales in item 4a(1). %

b. Report period

Mark (X) one box to indicate the period covered by the sales entered in item 4a(1). If other than "Calendar month" is marked, specify ending date.

- Calendar month
- 4-week period
- 5-week period

Ending date (Month and day)

c. Do the sales reported in item 4a(1) represent book figures or estimates?

Book Estimate

INCLUDE

- Cash and credit sales of merchandise whether or not payment was received. If none, enter "0"
- Leased departments and concessions operated by your firm in other establishments
- E-commerce sales if not submitted on a separate monthly retail report
- Receipts from other activities at your retail establishments such as wholesale sales, deliveries, installation, repairs, etc.
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) which are levied on the manufacturer or wholesaler.

EXCLUDE

- Sales taxes collected from customers and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal tax agency
- Nonoperating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Commissions from sales of government lottery tickets
- Sales from auxiliary establishments

ITEM 5 MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES

Report merchandise inventories covered by this report, regardless of where held, owned as of the end of the month.

Dollars

- a. Merchandise in retail stores covered by this report. **Include** leased departments and concessions operated by your firm in other establishments.
- b. Merchandise in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to your retail stores.
- c. **TOTAL merchandise inventories** (before Last-in, First-out adjustment if any) – **Sum of items 5a and 5b.** . .
- d. Are the data reported in items 5a through 5c for a date other than the end of the month specified?

Month	Day	Year

No Yes – Enter the date the data represent →

INCLUDE

- Merchandise under contract for sale
- Merchandise owned by this firm but held by others for sale on consignment

EXCLUDE

- Fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for resale

ITEM 6 NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT STORES

Enter the total number of department stores covered by this report.

REMARKS – Please use this space for comments or to explain any large differences in data from the prior month.

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