DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Supporting Statement – Information Collection Request 1140-0066 Manufacturers of Ammunition, Records and Supporting Data of Ammunition Manufactured and Disposed of

A. Justification

- 1. Manufacturer's records of ammunition apply only to disposition of armor piercing ammunition (required by 18 U.S.C. 922 (b) (5)). This record is primarily for law enforcement purposes. Ammunition may be traced by the use of these records. This evidence may serve to assist in a criminal investigation or court presentation. These records may also be used in compliance inspections to determine the validity of the record keeping system by comparing raw material used with the finished product on hand plus the quantity sold to customers. The manufacturer's commercial records in most instances, contains the data elements specified in the regulations.
- 2. Records are established by licensees by entering the required information into the proper record book as required by 27 CFR 478.123(b) and 125(d). Records are used by licensees for accounting and excise tax purposes. ATF uses the information during investigations or inspections for criminal or compliance purposes.
- 3. ATF has approved and will continue to approve, on a case by case basis, the use of improved information technology for the maintenance of required records. The required information is recorded in a bound record at the time a transaction is made.
- 4. ATF uses a uniform subject classification system to identify duplication and to ensure that any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purpose of this information collection.
- 5. The collection of this information would have no impact on small businesses or other small entities.
- 6. Less frequent collection of this information would pose a threat to public safety.

7. This information requirement is conducted in a manner consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. The ATF industry liaison consulted with the firearms industry during the creation of this collection. The 60-day and 30-day public comment notices was published in the Federal Register in order to solicit comments from the general public. No comments were received.

9. No payment or gift is associated with this information collection.

10. These records are maintained at the premises of the licensee. Confidentiality is not assured.

11. Respondents are not required to keep records of a sensitive nature.

12. The number of respondents associated with this collection is 50. The total number of responses is 26. It is estimated that it will take 15 minutes per line entry and that 26 entries will be made per year. The total annual burden for this information collection is 325 hours. The record retention requirement for this information collection is 2 years. There is no change in burden from the previous submission.

13. There is no startup or annual cost to the respondent.

14. There is no cost to the Federal Government.

15. There are no program changes or adjustment associated with this information collection.

16. The results of this collection will not be published.

17. ATF does not request approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information for this collection.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. This information collection does not employ statistical methods.