

January 19, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR : Reviewer of 1220-0008

FROM : David Friedman, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes

SUBJECT : New Internet Data Submission Option for the
Producer Price Index Program

In May 2011, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will begin offering a new option for respondents to submit price information for the Producer Price Index Program (PPI) through the BLS Internet Data Collection Facility (IDCF). This option has been introduced to ease the burden on respondents who find Internet data submission to be more convenient than the currently offered mail and fax options for reporting price information.

Respondents who choose to report via the Internet will be notified by e-mail message when it is time to submit their data each month. This message will include a hyperlink to the website of the BLS IDCF. Respondents will input an account number and password to access their survey information from this site.

The Internet survey instrument (Attachment I) uses a similar format to the paper PPI survey forms, with respondents providing information about the prices, characteristics, transaction terms, and discounts or surcharges for selected transactions each month. All relevant information about each priced transaction is presented in a single view in order to assist with accurate reporting and allow for quick navigation through the system. The BLS Office of Survey Methods Research was consulted on the design of the survey.

There is no change in burden for this collection option. The current OMB approval of the PPI survey is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact David Friedman at 202-691-6307 or by e-mail at Friedman.David@bls.gov.

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Internet Data Collection Facility**

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Welcome to the Internet Data Collection Facility

- Please review your respondent information listed below, and click the "Update" button to make any changes.
- Select the appropriate survey and click the "Continue" arrow when you are ready to enter data.


Update Respondent Info

<input type="button" value="Update"/>	Tester3 IDCF-PPI BLS baer_a@bls.gov	2 massachusetts avenue washington, DC 20212 (202) 691-7692
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Select Survey


Update Respondent Info

Change Password

Help 

Please Select a Survey:

Maintenance activities may be conducted on Sundays from noon to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time in order to keep the Internet Data Collection Facility (IDCF) at its peak performance and to cause as little disruption in service as possible to our customers. If the system is unavailable, please try back at a later time.

If you have questions or comments please complete and submit the [Help Request Form](#) 

Updated: Monday, March 22, 2010
URL: <https://idcft.bls.gov/content/selSurvey.asp>

Welcome Page

Producer Price Index Web Repricing

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Welcome to the Producer Price Index Web Repricing reporting page.

- For help with reporting data for your items, please contact **Vincent Swift** at 202-691-7896.
- If you experience technical problems that cannot be resolved by using the Help link in the upper right corner of the screen, please submit a help desk request by clicking on the Help Request Form on the bottom of any page.
- For more information visit <http://www.bls.gov/ppi>

Please select an item below to continue.

	Item Code	Item Specification	Completed?
<input type="button" value="Select"/>	321212D003A02	INTERIOR SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD, ROUGH, C-D EXTERIOR GLUE. PRODUCT NAME/NUMBER, SHEA...	
<input type="button" value="Select"/>	321212D003A03	INTERIOR SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD, ROUGH, C-D EXTERIOR GLUE. PRODUCT NAME/NUMBER, SHEA...	
<input type="button" value="Select"/>	321212D003A04	EXTERIOR SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD, SANDED, A-C. PRODUCT NAME/NUMBER, SUPERPLY. GRAD...	
<input type="button" value="Select"/>	321212D003A05	SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD OVERLAY. PRODUCT NAME/NUMBER, MDO. GRADE OF FACE AND BACK, UTIL...	
<input type="button" value="Select"/>	321212D003A06	PREFINISHED PARTICLEBOARD, MADE FROM PURCHASED MATERIALS. 5/8 INCH THICK. WIDT...	

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent of the law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 1 to 30 minutes per response with an average of 18 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments regarding this estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, please send them to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Producer Price Index Program, 1220-0008, Room 3840, 2 Massachusetts Avenue N.E., Washington, DC 20212. The OMB control number for this voluntary survey is 1220-0008. Without a currently valid OMB number BLS would not be able to conduct this survey.

Item Detail Part 1: Item Description

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Current Pricing Date: Jul 13, 2010 Analyst Name: Vincent Swift Phone Number: 202-691-7896

Item Code: 321212D003A02
Reporter Code: 3212120059

Item Code	Completed?
321212D003A02	
321212D003A03	
321212D003A04	
321212D003A05	
321212D003A06	

View Previous Data

Item/Columnar Spec

Please enter spec data here

Item Discontinued

Please make changes in the box

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INTERIOR SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD, ROUGH, C-D EXTERIOR GLUE. PRODUCT NAME:
SHEATHING. GRADE OF FACE: C. GRADE OF BACK: D. VENEER/OUTER PLY
SPECIES, WESTERN SOFTWOOD. THICKNESS: 1/2. WIDTH: 48. LENGTH: 96.
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Item Detail Part 2: Terms of Transaction and Adjustments to Price

Terms Of Transaction:
Please enter Item Terms of Transaction data

Type Of Sale	Market Sale	Size Of Shipment	N/A
Domestic/Foreign Buyer	Domestic buyer	Size Of Order	TRUCKLOAD
Type Of Buyer	WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR	Unit Of Measure	1000 SQUARE FEET
Shipment/Contract Terms	PURCHASE ORDER	Freight	FOB FACTORY

Adjustments to Price:
Please enter Item Adjustments to price data

Adjustment Number	Adjustment Category	Adjustment Detail	Value/Terms	Already applied to reported Price?	Delete Adjustment
1	Discount	CASH DISCOUNT	1%* / NET 10	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Add Adjustments](#)

Item Detail Part 3: Price and Remarks

Reported Price:		
Please enter Reported Prices NET (LIST MINUS ALL ADJUSTMENTS INDICATED)		
		Reported Price 1
ON Mar 9, 2010	435.00000000000000	<input type="text" value="435.0000"/> 1000 SQUARE FEET
ON Apr 13, 2010	460.00000000000000	<input type="text" value="460.0000"/> 1000 SQUARE FEET
ON May 11, 2010	375.00000000000000	<input type="text" value="375.0000"/> 1000 SQUARE FEET
ON Jun 15, 2010		<input type="text"/> 1000 SQUARE FEET
ON Jul 13, 2010		<input type="text"/> 1000 SQUARE FEET

Reporter Remarks

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✔ Thank you for updating Item information.
Your data have been submitted.

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321212D003A04	✔
321212D003A05	✔
321212D003A06	✔

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