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**ADVANCE MONTHLY  
 RETAIL TRADE REPORT**

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**Item 1 MAILING ADDRESS**

**FAX TO**  **1-800-447-4613**

**Item 2 CONTACT PERSON (Name)**

Telephone (Area code, number, ext.)

FAX (Area code, number)

**Item 3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING SALES ITEMS**

**A. INCLUDE**

1. Wholesale sales made by retail establishments covered by this report
2. Receipts from layaway purchases
3. Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
4. Receipts from deliveries
5. Receipts from installations, maintenance, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
6. Value of trade-ins taken as part payment for other merchandise
7. Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) which are levied on the manufacturer or wholesaler and included in the cost of goods purchased by this firm

**B. EXCLUDE**

1. Commissions from vending machine operators
2. Non-operating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from rental or sale of real estate)
3. Commissions from sales of government lottery tickets

**C. DEDUCT**

1. Refunds and allowances for returned goods
2. The actual value of rebates and discounts granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

**D. DEFINITION**

**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, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

**E. INDUSTRY SPECIFIC REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Item 4 SALES AND REPORT PERIOD**

**a. Sales**

- Report cash and credit sales. If none, enter "0."
- Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.
- Explain any significant difference in sales from the previous month.
- **Include** sales from e-commerce if not submitted on a separate monthly report.
- **Include** leased departments and concessions operated in other establishments.
- **Exclude** leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail establishments.
- **Exclude** sales taxes and finance charges.

Sales for

Sales for

Dollars

Dollars

**b. Report period**

Mark (X) one box to indicate the period covered by the sales entered in Item 4a.

If other than "Calendar Month" is marked, specify ending date.

- 1  Calendar month  
 2  4-week period }  
 3  5-week period }

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 2  4-week period }  
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Ending date (Mo./Day)

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**c. Do the sales reported in Item 4a. represent book figures or estimates?**

Book  Estimate

Book  Estimate

**Item 5 NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS**

Enter the total number of retail establishments, leased departments and concessions covered by this report.