

Department of Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Information Collection Request

Furnishing of Samples
OMB Number 1140-0073

A. Justification

1. Necessity of Information Collection

ATF is charged with the responsibility for enforcing Title XI of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (the Act) and the implementing regulations contained at 27 CFR, Part 555. Subtitle C of Public Law No. 107-296, the Safe Explosives Act, enacted November 25, 2003, amended the Act to require that licensed manufacturers and importers and persons who manufacture or import explosive materials or ammonium nitrate shall, when required by the Director, furnish samples of explosive materials or ammonium nitrate, information on the chemical composition of these materials, and any other information the Director deems appropriate. This requirement is specified at 27 CFR, Section 555.110.

2. Needs and Uses

This information will be used by ATF for regulatory and criminal enforcement. ATF may collect samples for law enforcement, regulatory, classification and scientific/research purposes.

3. Use of Information Technology

The use of information technology does not apply to this collection. The respondent must furnish the actual sample to ATF.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

There is no duplication associated with this collection. No other sources request this information.

5. Minimizing Burden on Small Business

This collection will not substantially affect small businesses.

6. Consequences of not conducting or less frequent Collection

ATF must be able to identify the explosive materials or the ammonium nitrate. Without this information collection persons could manufacture or import dangerous materials.

7. Special Circumstances

This collection may require respondents to submit proprietary information. Such information will be protected under normal ATF disclosure practices.

8. Public Comments and Consultations

ATF consulted with the explosives industry. A 60-day and 30-day Federal Register notice was published in order to solicit comments from the general public. No comments were received.

9. Provision of Payments or Gifts to Respondents

No payment or gift is associated with this collection.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

The samples of explosive materials or ammonium nitrate are kept in a secure location at the ATF laboratory. Confidentiality is not assured.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

12. Estimate of Respondent's Burden

We estimate that there are a total of 100 respondents that will be associated with this information collection request once per year. The total number of responses is 100. We estimate that each respondent will spend approximately 30 minutes to submit the samples and required documentation. This estimate includes time to read any relevant materials, gather the samples, prepare any necessary documentation, and ship samples. The total annual burden hours associated with this collection request will be 50 hours.

13. Estimate of Cost Burden

ATF estimates a cost burden of \$20.00 to the respondent. The cost is estimated at $\$20 \times 100 = \$2,000$. The regulations at 27 CFR Section 555.110 provide for reimbursement for the cost of the materials.

14. Cost to Federal Government

There is no cost to the Federal government.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

The adjustments associated with this collection are reduction in the number of respondents and responses from 2,350 to 100. Also, there is a reduction in the number of burden hours from 1,175 to 50 hours.

16. Anticipate Publication Plan and Schedule

The results of this collection will not be published.

17. Display of Expiration Date

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

18. Exception to the Certification Statement

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

This collection of information employs no statistical methods.