



# 2014 ANNUAL WHOLESALE TRADE REPORT WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

## DUE DATE

## WORKSHEET

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### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- This report should cover ALL wholesale distributor establishments in the United States reporting payroll **under the Employer Identification Number (EIN)** as referenced in **1** on page 2.
- **Include** data for auxiliary facilities primarily engaged in supporting services to this EIN's establishment(s) such as warehouses, garages, and central administrative offices.
- Any significant change in this EIN's operations should be noted in **11** on page 5.
- For establishments sold or acquired in 2014, report data only for the period the establishments were operated by this EIN.
- Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.
- Enter "0" where applicable.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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**1 FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)**

**Does this firm report payroll under EIN**

- Yes - Go to **2**
- No - Enter current 9-digit EIN **AND** date payroll was first reported for this EIN . . . . .

EIN (9 digits)		
	-	
Month	Day	Year

**2 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

**A. Did this EIN experience any acquisitions, sales, mergers, and/or divestitures in 2014?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **3**

**B. Which of the following organizational changes occurred in 2014?**

Check all that apply. If more than one organizational change occurred during the reporting period, explain in **11** on page 5.

- Acquisition
- Sale
- Merger
- Divestiture

Date of organizational change . . . . .

AND

Enter detailed information below ↴

Month	Day	Year

Name of company		EIN (9 digits)	
			-
Address (Number and street, P.O. Box, etc.)			
City, town, village, etc.		State	ZIP Code
			-

**3 REPORTING PERIOD**

NOTE: Calendar year data is preferred. If it is not available, please report for the fiscal year that includes at least six months of data for the 2014 calendar year.

**What time period is covered by the data provided in this report?**

- Calendar year - Go to **4**
- Fiscal or partial year - Report beginning and ending dates . . . . .

<b>2014</b>		
<b>Beginning Date</b>		
Month	Day	Year
<b>Ending Date</b>		
Month	Day	Year

**4 NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS**

**How many wholesale establishments (including auxiliary facilities primarily engaged in supporting services such as warehouses, garages, and central administrative offices) did this EIN operate in 2014?**

The remainder of this report refers to the establishments reported here. . . . .

<b>2014</b>
Number

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**5 SALES, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE**

**INCLUDE**

- Sales of products that are shipped on this EIN's orders directly to customers
- Retail sales made by wholesale establishments covered by this report
- **Gross value** of sales made on a commission basis (not your actual commissions)
- Receipts from freight, installations, rentals, maintenance, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) that are levied on the manufacturer and included in the cost of products purchased by this EIN

**EXCLUDE**

- Sales from establishments that are primarily selling products manufactured or mined in the United States by this EIN
- Foreign sales of products that are not owned by establishments in the United States
- Nonoperating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Commissions earned for the sale of products
- Receipts from customers for carrying or other credit charges

Mark "X" if None

2014			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

**A. What were this EIN's sales and other operating receipts in 2014?**

**6 E-COMMERCE, INCLUDING EDI**

E-commerce is the sale of goods and services where the buyer places an order, or the price and terms of the sale are negotiated, over an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, mobile device (M-Commerce), or any other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

**A. Did this EIN have any e-commerce sales in 2014?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **7** on the next page

Mark "X" if None

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**B. What were the total e-commerce sales in 2014?**

*This amount should equal the sum of 5B1 and 5B2 shown below.*

**1. What were the EDI network sales in 2014, if any?**

- EDI is the exchange of documents in standardized electronic form between organizations in an automated manner directly from a computer application in one organization to an application in another. . . . .

**2. What were the online system sales in 2014, if any?**

- Online systems include the Internet, mobile device (M-commerce), extranets, e-mail, and instant messaging. . . . .

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**7 VALUE OF INVENTORIES**

**INCLUDE**

- All inventories of products covered by this report, including auxiliary locations (such as warehouses, garages, and central administrative offices) servicing these establishments, regardless of where held
- Inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the United States
- Report at cost or market value as of December 31 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)

**EXCLUDE**

- Items such as fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for resale
- Products owned by others that are being held on consignment

**A. Did this EIN own inventories, regardless of where held, at the end of 2014 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 9 on the next page

**B. What was the value of inventories?**

Mark "X" if None

1. Total inventories (if applicable, before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment) . . . . .
2. LIFO reserve (if applicable) . . . . .
3. Book value of inventories  
7B1 minus 7B2. . . . .

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**C. Were inventories reported as of December 31?**

- Yes - Go to 7E
- No

2014		
Month	Day	Year

**D. If not December 31, inventories were reported as of what date?** . . . . .

**E. Were any of the inventories reported in 7B1 stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2014?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 8

**F. What was the value of the inventories stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2014?**

Exclude inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the U.S. . . . .

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**8 INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD**

**A. Were any of the inventories reported in 7B1 subject to the LIFO valuation method?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 9 on the next page

**B. How much of the inventory reported in 7B1 was subject to:**

Mark "X" if None

1. LIFO valuation method before adjustment . . . . .
2. Any other valuation method . . . . .
3. Verify Total  
Sum of 8B1 and 8B2. Total must equal 7B1. . . . .

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**9 PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS**

**INCLUDE**

- Amounts allowed for trade-ins
- Both raw and finished goods
- Products in transit to you for which you have taken title
- Freight, delivery, and other transportation costs included in product cost
- Import duties (if paid separately)
- Value of goods shipped from any foreign manufacturing plants
- The cost of services resold without processing
- Parts and supplies used in repair work or other service type activities

**EXCLUDE**

- Returns, allowances, and trade and cash discounts
- Purchases of containers, wrapping, packaging, and selling supplies
- Expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for this company's use
- Taxes (sales, excise, and other) collected directly from customers and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal tax agency
- Intra-company purchases between establishments of this reporting unit

**What was the total cost of all products purchased for resale for which this EIN took title, whether or not payment was made, in 2014?**

Mark "X" if None

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If purchases are greater than sales, please explain in **11**. . . . .

**10 OPERATING EXPENSES**

**INCLUDE**

- Expenses arising from the normal course of business, including payroll

**EXCLUDE**

- Bad debt/customer related loss
- Interest expense
- Purchases of goods for resale or cost of goods sold
- Income taxes
- Impairment (reduction in value of long-lived assets due to reappraisal)
- Transfers made within the company

Mark "X" if None

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**What were the total operating expenses for this EIN in 2014?** . . . .

**11 REMARKS** - Please use this space to explain any significant year-to-year changes, to clarify responses, or indicate where data were estimated.

**12 CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name of person to contact regarding this report <i>(Please print)</i>					Title			
Telephone	Area code	Number		Extension	Fax	Area code	Number	
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E-mail address					Website			
					www.			

**THANK YOU**  
**for completing your Annual Wholesale Trade Report.**  
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