



U.S. Textiles, Apparel and Footwear Manufacturers Survey

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE), is conducting a survey and assessment of the health and competitiveness of the U.S. textile, apparel and footwear industry. The assessment, requested by the U.S. Congress, will update a similar BIS/OTE study conducted for Congress in 2003. This survey will cover topics including employment, production, competitors and customers, supply chain, financial information, research and development, effectiveness of the Berry Amendment, and future industrial challenges. The resulting aggregate data and subsequent analysis will allow industry representatives and government policy officials to monitor trends, benchmark industry performance, and raise awareness of potential issues of concern.

Your organization has been identified as a footwear manufacturer with a facility located in the United States. Your participation is vital to ensure a comprehensive dataset for the assessment. BIS has worked in successful partnership with other U.S. industry sectors and we anticipate similar cooperation from your organization on this effort.

To begin, download the Microsoft Excel-formatted survey and corresponding instructions by clicking on the hyperlinked documents below.

Footwear Survey (Excel)*† | Footwear Survey (PDF)†

Complete and submit the Excel version via email to BIS at <u>footwear@bis.doc.gov</u>. BIS will only accept Excel-formatted survey submissions. The PDF version is only a reference document for your organization's internal use and cannot be submitted in place of a completed Excel survey.

*Note 1: Save a copy of the Excel survey to your computer before you make any inputs to the questionnaire.

[†]Note 2: If, when clicking on the above links, your computer does not ask if you want to download the file to your computer, right click on the link and select "Save As."

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the BIS survey support staff by either e-mail at <u>footwear@bis.doc.gov</u> or phone at (202) 482-xxxx. E-mail is the preferred method of contact and will allow for a detailed response by BIS for your organization's records.

All information submitted to BIS is protected as Business Confidential under provisions of the Defense Production Act (DPA) of 1950, as amended, and will not be published or disclosed, other than in aggregate form. At no time will such reporting identify your specific organization. Such information is also protected from disclosure from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Also note that your company is required by federal law (50 U.S.C. § 4555) to complete the survey within 30 days.