# 2017 Commodity Flow Survey

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We estimate this survey will take an a is at the end of this questionnaire.	overage of 2.5 hours to complete. More information about this estimate and an address where you may write with comments
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Item A VERIFICAT	ION OF NAME AND SHIPPING ADDRESS
Are the name and shipping location ships?	address listed in the box below the correct name and shipping address from which this
Yes, the name and	shipping address are correct. (Proceed to Item B)
No, the name and/o	or shipping address is incorrect. (Enter any corrections below)
Company Name 1	
Company Name 2	
Address	
City	State ZIP Code





If you prefer to complete the questionnaire online, please go to https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs Item B **VERIFICATION OF NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS** Are the name and mailing address displayed in the mailing address label on page 1 correct for the remaining quarterly 2017 Commodity Flow Survey correspondence to be mailed to? Yes, the name and mailing address are correct. (Proceed to Item C) No, the name and/or mailing address is incorrect. (Enter any corrections below) Company Name 1 Company Name 2 Attention Address City State ZIP Code Item C **OPERATING STATUS** Which of the following best describes this location's operating status during the week of If the location was sold or acquired, select the "In operation" box and describe these operations changes in Item J - "Remarks". In operation MM-DD-YYYY Temporarily or seasonally inactive - Proceed to Item G on page 12 Ceased operation - Enter date ceased operation - Proceed to Item G on page 12 Item D TOTAL NUMBER AND VALUE OF OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS For this survey, it is important to obtain information about the outbound shipments made from this location. An outbound shipment in this survey is defined as a movement of commodities from the location specified in Item A to another single location. For shipments traveling to multiple locations, report one shipment for each location. • Report all outbound shipments originating from the shipping address specified in Item A. Include shipments of all sizes, by any mode of transportation, shipments sent by parcel, and customer pickups. • If shipment information is stored in separate files such as by day, by mode of transportation, etc., please gather those files together before proceeding. • Estimates are acceptable Total number of outbound shipments 1. What was the total number of all outbound shipments for this location the week of ? 2. What was the total value of shipments for the week listed above, excluding freight charges and excise taxes? \$ 3. Did you enter more than 40 shipments in question 1 above? Yes - Proceed to Item E on page 3

No - PROCEED TO ITEM F AND REPORT ALL OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS ON PAGE 4



## Item E SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

In order to avoid asking you for information regarding all of your shipments, we will only ask about a sample of them. This section will help you **identify your sample of shipments** that should be reported in Item F.

Using the table below, mark the row that includes the total number of outbound shipments reported in Item D1, and the corresponding "report every" number.

Number of outbound shipments reported in Line 1	Report every	Mark (X) one
41 - 80	Report every 2nd outbound shipment	
81 - 120	Report every 3rd outbound shipment	
121 - 160	Report every 4th outbound shipment	
161 - 200	Report every 5th outbound shipment	
201 - 240	Report every 6th outbound shipment	
241 - 280	Report every 7th outbound shipment	
281 - 320	Report every 8th outbound shipment	
321 - 360	Report every 9th outbound shipment	
361 - 400	Report every 10th outbound shipment	
401 - 600	Report every 15th outbound shipment	
601 - 1200	Report every 20th outbound shipment	
1201 - 1800	Report every 30th outbound shipment	
1801 - 2400	Report every 40th outbound shipment	
2401 - 3000	Report every 50th outbound shipment	
3001 - 4800	Report every 60th outbound shipment	
4801 - 6400	Report every 80th outbound shipment	
6401 - 8000	Report every 100th outbound shipment	
8001 - 12000	Report every 150th outbound shipment	
12001 - 16000	Report every 200th outbound shipment	
More than 16000	Go to https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs and select "Survey Log in"	

#### Example:

If this location reported **253 shipments in Item D1**, it would correspond to the range of **241-280** and every **7th** outbound shipment record would be selected.

#### This means:

- 1. The location would count **7 records**, starting with the first shipment record of the week that was identified in Item D1, select that record and report it in Item F.
- 2. The location would then count **another 7 records** again from the shipment selected in step 1 and record that shipment in Item F.
- 3. The location would repeat this process until it had gone through the full set of shipment records for the week identified in Item D1.
- 4. The location would report 36 shipments in Item F. Item F contains 80 lines, so the location would leave lines 37-80 blank.

For further information, refer to the **Instruction Guide** or visit the business help site at **https://bhs.econ.census.gov/bhs/cfs/form.html** 



### Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS

NOTE: Each line runs across pages 4 and 5. After entering column (I) data on page 4 for any line, continue with column (J) on page 5 for the same line.

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		Shin	ment	Shipment value	Net	and description	consisting of more than one common of the commodity that contributed of the shipment in columns (F) thro	the grea	ort the code itest weight	2
Line No.	Your Shipment ID Number	D;	ate	(excluding freight charges and excise taxes) in <b>whole dollars</b> . Estimates	Shipment Weight in pounds. Estimates acceptable.	SCTG commodity code from accompanying	Commodity Description <sup>1</sup>	Is item in col. (G)	Is item in col (G) a hazardous material?	Continue with column (J) on page
(A)	(B)	Month	Day	acceptable. (D)	(E)	booklet <sup>1</sup> (F)	(G)	Is ite (H) Te contro	or "NA" <sub>1</sub> number (I)	colu
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For shipments consisting of more than one commodity, report the code and description of the commodity that contributed the greatest weight of the shipment in columns (F) through (I)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> **Temperature-Controlled (Column H)** - A temperature-controlled shipment is defined as a shipment that needs to be, and is transported in a vehicle, container, or special packaging that regulates, or maintains the required temperature range (e.g. warm, cold, frozen) of the shipment during all phases of transportation.



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U.S. Destination or U (Complete for all s *For customer pick-u	shipments	s.)	Mode(s) of transport to U.S. destination. Enter all that apply in order used. Use codes at bottom.	Export? (Y/N)	(for export	n Destination shipments only)  (J) enter the U.S. port, der crossing of exit.	Export mode
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Newark	NJ	07105	4	N			
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#### Mode of transport codes for columns (K) and (N):

- 1 Parcel delivery, courier, or U.S. Parcel Post 2 - Company-owned truck 3 - For-hire truck
  - 4 Railroad
    - 5 Inland water 6 - Deep sea
- 7 Pipeline
- 8 Air
  - 9 Other mode 0 Unknown

\*Note: For customer pick-ups only, enter the customer's address. If unknown, enter this location's shipping address.



### Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

NOTE: Each line runs across pages 6 and 7. After entering column (I) data on page 6 for any line, continue with column (J) on page 7 for the same line.

		Chin	ment	Shipment value		and description	consisting of more than one common of the commodity that contributed of the shipment in columns (F) thro	the grea	ort the code test weight	
Line No.	Your Shipment ID Number	Dia ((	ate	(excluding freight charges and excise taxes) in whole dollars.  Estimates acceptable.	Net Shipment Weight in pounds. Estimates acceptable.	SCTG commodity code from accompanying booklet <sup>1</sup>	Commodity Description <sup>1</sup>	Is item in col. (G) E Temperature (Y/N) 1, 2	Is item in col (G) a hazardous material?	Continue with column (J) on page 7
(A)	(B)	Month	Day	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H) Is it	or "NA" number	colt
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If you prefer to complete the questionnaire online, please go to https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs Mode(s) of Foreign Destination transport to U.S. Destination or U.S. Exit Port (for export shipments only) U.S. destination. (Complete for all shipments.) Export? (Y/N) Export mode Note: In column (J) enter the U.S. port, Enter all that \*For customer pick-ups, see below apply in order used. airport, or border crossing of exit. Use codes (J) (M) at bottom. City State ZIP Code City Country (K) (L) (N) Mode of transport codes for columns (K) and (N): \*Note: For customer pick-ups only, enter the 1 - Parcel delivery, courier, 4 - Railroad 7 - Pipeline customer's address. If unknown, enter this or U.S. Parcel Post 5 - Inland water 8 - Air location's shipping address. 6 - Deep sea

- 2 Company-owned truck
- 3 For-hire truck

- 9 Other mode
- 0 Unknown



### Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

NOTE: Each line runs across pages 8 and 9. After entering column (I) data on page 8 for any line, continue with column (J) on page 9 for the same line.

		Shin	ment	Shipment value	Net	and description	consisting of more than one common of the commodity that contributed of the shipment in columns (F) thro	the grea	ort the code itest weight	တ
Line No.	Your Shipment ID Number	Da	ate	(excluding freight charges and excise taxes) in whole dollars.  Estimates acceptable.	Shipment Weight in pounds. Estimates acceptable.	SCTG commodity code from accompanying booklet <sup>1</sup>	Commodity Description 1	Is item in col. (G) Expression (G) E	Is item in col (G) a hazardous material?	Continue with column (J) on page
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- 2 Company-owned truck 6 Deep sea 3 For-hire truck
- 9 Other mode 0 Unknown



## Item F SHIPMENT CHARACTERISTICS - Continued

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Item G VERIFICATION OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY ACTIVITY
Our records indicate that this shipping location's primary industry is the following:
Is this the correct primary activity?
Yes - (Proceed to Item H)
Describe your industry:
Item H TIME TO COMPLETE SURVEY
How long did it take to complete this questionnaire?
Include time to read instructions, to gather information, to enter and verify the data.
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Hours Minutes
Item I CONTACT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SURVEY
Name - Please print  Title - Please print
Area code Phone Number Extension
Area code Phone Number Extension
Area code Fax Number .
Area code Fax Number .
Area code Fax Number .
Area code Fax Number  Tem J REMARKS: Use this space to clarify your responses, if appropriate.
Area code Fax Number .

BURDEN ESTIMATE STATEMENT: We estimate this survey will take an average of 2.5 hours to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0932, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0932 as the

subject.