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NEW ADDS			
Retail Specific Special Inquiry	Add: 1) Self service check-out lane and 2) pre-ordering or delivery services	Retail	Requested by Center for Economic Studies (CES). Data could inform research on measuring customer-labor substitution in the Retail sector. These questions were cognitively tested, and minor wording changes were made, where needed, for clarification.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Use of electronic devices for self service table orders and /or payment	Services	Requested by CES: "Some restaurants and hotels are starting to use the self-service model for check-in, ordering, and payment. These changes have the potential to change employment patterns in these sectors. As these trends are only now starting, Census has the unique opportunity to follow these trends from the start. Replacing a 2012 special inquiry question for restaurants ("Did a waiter or waitress take most orders while the patron was seated?"). Cognitive testing showed that this question appeared to perform adequately, and no revisions were recommended.

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Retail Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Retail Health clinic to ask for information on whether they operate clinics, lease space to a clinic, or partner with a health care system to operate a retail clinic	Retail	Requested by CES to add up to 7 Special Inquiry questions for information on whether they operate clinics, lease space to a clinic, or partner with a health care system to operate a retail clinic. These questions were cognitively tested, and recommendations for modifications and definitional clarifications were accepted.

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Manufacturing	Add: "Water-use" question	Manufacturing	Requested by CES to add a "water-use" question to all or some of the manufacturing paths for 2017, based on questions asked in the Census of Manufactures from 1954-1987 and the Survey of Water Use in Manufacturing follow-up survey, discontinued in 1987. BLS is also interested in water-use data. These questions were cognitively tested, and recommendations for modifications and clarifications were accepted.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Cost of Resale of Natural Gas	Sector 22	BEA requests an Special Inquiry for the Cost of Resale of Natural Gas. Generally, cognitive testing showed that this question appeared to perform adequately; some findings suggested that some clarification (e.g., what to include / exclude) may be helpful for some respondents.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Cloud computing from the distribution of software on physical mediums	Sector 51	BEA requests an Special Inquiry for Software Publishers to capture the shift to cloud computing from the distribution of software on physical mediums. Cognitive testing showed that this question appeared to perform adequately, and no revisions were recommended.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Property Type in hotels/motels (Limited-service, Full-service, Luxury	Sector 72	BLS requests an Special Inquiry for Property Type - currently publishes indexes based on this detail but has to use third-party revenue data for index weighting. The respondent will simply select the box next to "Limited-service facility," "Full-service facility," or "Luxury facility" after reading the definitions of each. This question was cognitively tested, and minor revisions were recommended and accepted.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Business Cooperatives to standard questionnaires	All	Requested by USDA, Cooperative Programs, and the cooperative business community. The data that will be derived by including this question will lead to a much deeper understanding of cooperative development in the U.S. and hopefully strategies for enhancing the position of a broad spectrum of cooperatives in our economy. Necessary breakouts cannot be provided by SURVLFO, so data will need to be obtained via question(s). Cognitive testing was conducted and demonstrated that "cooperative" is an enterprise level phenomenon. Data will be collected at the SU Level and on the Enterprise Path (COS NC-99001) for MUs with 50 or more Employees. It will not be asked on the Class Forms
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Multiple Investors/Joint Ventures	Sector 21	Add new Special Inquiry for Multiple Investors/Joint Ventures. Data intended to be used to ensure that establishments owned by multiple companies are reported in total. These questions were cognitively tested, and design modifications were recommended and adopted for capturing name/address of investors.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Modes of Instruction	Sector 61	Modes of instruction - percentage of receipts. Instructor lead at client's facility, other location; online with live instructor, online self-paced, other modes, in person. These questions were cognitively tested, and only minor revisions and clarifications were needed.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Health care location at a Retail Establishment	Sector 62	Add an additional part to kind of business or activity for retail clinics. Health care location in a pharmacy or retail establishment. Cognitive testing showed that this question appeared to perform adequately, and no revisions were recommended.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Measures of Clinical Performance	Sector 62	Requested by CES - to add measures of clinical performance. Cognitive testing showed potential variation in respondents' interpretation of a couple of these questions, and revisions were recommended.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Add: Net Patient Care Revenue	Sector 62	Source of Revenue by category - Government, Health Provider, Private, Out of pocket, Other. These questions were cognitively tested, and only minor revisions and clarifications were recommended.
<u>Proposed Drops/Deletes</u>			
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry for Wells Drilled and Completed in 2017	Sector 21	We received unreliable data
Materials	No longer collecting quantities for materials	Sector 31-33	We receive unreliable, blank, and poor quality data for materials. Attempting to collect quantities for products would be problematic in the NAPCS structure.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry related to Aerospace Contracts	Sector 31-33	We propose to REMOVE the special inquiry AEROSPACE CONTRACTS because the subject matter analysts do not use the data for analytical or other purposes. We do not publish any data derived of this special Inquiry. In addition, in the forms MC-33609 and MC-33610, we collect related data from the special inquiry "Defense Related Manufacturing Activity: Aerospace."

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Item 5	Dropping the collection of Construction and Non-construction receipts.	Sector 23	Data can be derived via NAPCS collection.
Miscellaneous Receipts	Dropping the collection of Miscellaneous Receipts: Value of Resales, Value of Contract Work, and All Other Miscellaneous Receipts	Sector 21, 31-33	No longer a need to collect, NAPCS structure replaces miscellaneous receipts.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Selected Metalworking and Related Operations	Sector 31-33	We propose to REMOVE the special inquiry SELECTED METAL WORKING and RELATED OPERATIONS because the subject matter analysts do not use the data for analytical or other purposes. We do not publish any data derived of this special Inquiry. UPDATE 10/31 - We are KEEPING Selected Metalworking and Related Operations with analyst revisions. We are now DELETING "Selected Products Produced and Consumed". The analysts met and decided "Selected Metalworking" could be used to meet their needs in its place.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Boat Facilities	Sector 44-45	Not relevant to establishments in this industry, but was asked due to constraints associated with paper forms.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Retreading Tires	Sector 44-45	Inquiry rarely used to assist with classification between retail tire dealers vs retread shops.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Used Merchandise	Sector 44-45	Not relevant to establishments in this industry, but was asked due to constraints associated with paper forms.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Items Grown	Sector 44-45	Question previously used to determine if establishment was in scope. 2017 NAPCS structure may now as assist with this determination.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Excise Tax	Sector 44-45	Propose dropping for 6-NAICS where excise taxes are likely not applicable. Propose dropping from 6-digit NAICS that are not included in Floor Space table.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Floor Space	Sector 44-45	Propose dropping from 6-digit NAICS that are not included in Floor Space table.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Made-to-order	Sector 44-45	Inquiry rarely used to assist with classification between apparel stores vs. tailors.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Concession	Sector 44-45	Inquiry rarely used to confirm accurate reporting of Leased Departments.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Centralized Checkout	Sector 44-45	Inquiry no longer used to determine classification between dept. stores vs. discount dept. stores. Replaced by Self-Checkout question.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Vending Machine	Sector 44-45	Data rarely used to determine classification and not used for any published tables.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Leased Departments	Sector 44-45	Data from this inquiry may no longer be desired by external users
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Tax Status	Sector 52	Question no longer used for classification or publication purposes.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Immediate Consumption	Sector 72	Propose dropping inquiries from 2012 that were specific to class forms. Propose assigning Special Inquiry based on admin NAICS regardless of 2012 class/long form.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Item 26.A.2. Commissions paid to independent contractors	531	No longer relevant with form split
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Cost of Electricity	Sector 22	Now that UT-22101 has been broken out into paths, question is no longer needed on 2213 (Water, Sewage and Other Systems).
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Exported Energy	Sector 22	Now that UT-22101 has been broken out into paths, question is no longer needed on 2213 (Water, Sewage and Other Systems).

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Item 26.A Sales of Used Equipment	532	No longer relevant with form split
General Content	Delete Quarterly HOURS from Construction Trade	Sector 23	Previously Item 8. Will now only collect annual hours for construction workers. Data weren't published for 2012 as was poorly reported. Dropping reduces burden on respondents and analysts
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Dental Care type of Payer	62121	Decided to drop the questions, since we are adding a more detailed question that covers the old question.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Type of Payer by Funding Source	62151	Decided to drop the questions, since we are adding a more detailed question that covers the old question.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Special Inquiry Item 26 Part 2: Media % of Receipts from Advertising	5111	The 5111 forms all have the Print advertising (7012275000) and Internet advertising (7012350000) lines. These lines parallel the second half of the Media Special Inquiry, except for "other". I'm adding the "other" equivalent (Advertising Space in publications on electronic and other media, except online: 7012400000) to all of the 5111 forms. By adding Product 7012400000 to the 5111 forms, the Advertising part of the Media question becomes completely redundant and can be dropped.
Retail Specific Special Inquiry	Delete Auto Franchise Special Inquiry from this classification path	Sector 44-45	This Special Inquiry is no longer used to assist with establishment classification.
Item 13	Delete: Drop the collection of beginning assets, ending assets, and retired assets from all paths.	Sector 21	This data was not published in 2012, and with a meeting with BEA was decided we would stop collecting this data as it is more of a company level figure that really increases response burden to report.
Item 13	Delete: Drop the collection of depreciation.	Sector 21	This data was not published in 2012, and with a meeting with BEA was decided we would stop collecting this data as it is more of a company level figure that really increases response burden to report.

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<u>Proposed Changes to existing questions</u>			
All Census Forms	Change: Preferred reporting period is for the calendar year (January-December). Moved from the end of the form to "Reporting Guidelines" - General Instructions between Items 1 and 2A. Did not delete from Certification, added bullet for information on Calendar year reporting to "Additional Reporting Guidelines".	All	On the 2017 Economic Census forms, it's not clear that the preferred reporting period is for the calendar year (January-December). The reporting period is asked for at the end of the form in the certification section. We suggest moving this up to the front of the form (such as with Item 4 for Months in Operation) and wording it in a way that states that calendar year is preferred. Perhaps something similar to the statement used in the Service Annual Survey "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 2017 calendar year". Moved to the "Reporting Guidelines" section of the Path.

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All Census Forms	Global Census change - Products will be collected using the North American Product Classification System instead of the North American Industry Classification System	All	NAPCS is a comprehensive market- or demand-based hierarchical classification system for products (goods and services_ that is not industry-of-origin based but can be linked to the NAICS industry structure. NAPCS is consistent across the three North American countries. The questionnaire design for collecting NAPCS underwent extensive cognitive and usability testing, including a record-keeping study, 4 rounds of usability testing with screen mock-ups and partially functioning Web instruments, and a small-scale field test of alternative designs for obtaining "write-ins" of product lines not explicitly listed. Findings informed instrument design requirements, and recommendations were incorporated except where limited by resources and/or technology.
Item 22	Products will be collected in dollars (\$) only. Data for products will no longer be collected in percents (%)	All	Implementing a standard approach for all economic trades under the new NAPCS product structure.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Change: Wired Telecommunications Carriers - breakout of percentages of receipts	Sector 51	BEA would like to see the % of Receipts for Bundled and Unbundled Services for Broadband Internet, Internet Telephone, and Multichannel programming distribution services. These questions were cognitively tested, and recommendations for minor modifications and clarifications were accepted.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Change: Moving KOB for "Sales, Shipments, Receipts, or Revenue" to Special Inquiries section.	Sector 23	Part of NAPCS restructuring. Construction KOBs are now their own item in 2017 - item 23.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Change: All construction forms will contain "Housing Starts". Previously only form 23601 contained this inquiry	Sector 23	Construction sector Special Inquires are questions used to collect sector specific information. These questions provide information about subject matter topics requested by major federal and non- federal data users, and provide additional estimates that aid in comparison analysis of economic census data to other construction data disseminated by the Census Bureau. Special inquiries data are input to other federal government national accounting data sets and used for national, state, and local policy decisions regarding the broad US economy.
Item 5 and Item 16	Change: Item 16 Selected Expenses - Add a Yes/No for purchased cost of land to determine if it was included in Item 5 Sales and what was the value purchased cost of land.	Sector 23	For Construction trade to better calculate the Net Receipts of Construction Work, 2 questions were added to Item 16 Selected Expenses to account for cost of land in construction projects. Cognitive testing showed that these questions appeared to perform adequately, and no revisions were recommended.

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Item 26	Franchise questions will be on all Construction paths	Sector 23	In 2012, Franchise questions were on selected paths. We added to all forms to aid in the collection of possible missing data.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Change: Change to one of the Special Inquiry questions for Path 52420 Licensed Insurance Agents and Brokers.	Sector 52	The Special Inquiry "Licensed Insurance Agents and Brokers" is not being completely removed from the path, but rather is amended to exclude the second part of the question regarding "commission". -Removed the commissions portion only from path 52420
Trade Specific wording	Every reference to the term "establishment" has been changed to "Domestic Reporting Unit".	Sector 21	Definitional change due to statewide consolidated reporting.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	<p>Change: Special Inquiry Loan Income, Loan Types have been amended due to the new NAPCS structure. We are still collecting the same information. These include:</p> <p>Loan Types:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loans to financial businesses 2. Loans to non-financial businesses 3. Loans to governments 4. Residential mortgage loans 5. Other secured or guaranteed home loans to consumers 6. Consumer vehicle loans 7. Secured or guaranteed loans to consumers, except mortgage and vehicle loans 8. Unsecured loans to consumers 	Sector 52	These are revised content to 2 existing Special Inquiry questions.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	<p>Change: Special Inquiry Credit Financing has amended on the Miscellaneous Interest and Fees question due to similar reasons. These include:</p> <p>Credit Financing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Automobile and light duty truck lease services 2. Finance lease services, except automobile and light duty truck lease 3. Installment loans and credit services 4. Other credit financing services 	Sector 52	These are revised content to 2 existing Special Inquiry questions.
Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Change: Employment by Function, propose to delete some categories but retain question	Sector 55	Census proposed removing, but based on BEA comment, all Special Inquiry questions kept. Employment by Function question slightly modified to move #3 under #1 and removing #5 and #6.

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Trade Specific Special Inquiry	Changes to Special Inquiry - Petroleum	Sector 42	Change: Storage Capacity Special Inquiry appearing on 2 of Wholesale Trade's 88 form paths - Propose to break out capacity by owned vs. leased, as well as add categories for asphalt and ethanol / biofuels. Cognitive testing suggested multiple revisions, which were subsequently tested in a second round. Findings suggested additional revisions, and modifications and clarifications were recommended and accepted.
General Content	Change: Physical location, legal boundaries and municipality were moved closer to beginning of the paths.	All including Trade Classification forms	Physical location address was moved to the mailing address screen to make it easier for respondents to compare the mailing address with the physical location. Parts B and C for legal boundaries and municipality were moved to the screen after mailing address.

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Content for Single Units	Change: The ownership or control information and number of establishments information was moved from a separate form to be part of a path mailed to a Single unit.	Paths for Single-units	Content was added to most paths, but an input file will determine if the path is designated for a Single unit and the questions will be part of their path, but not part of a path going to a multiunit.
Item 15	Change: Item 15 - Mineral property expenses will be collected on all 2017 paths.	Sector 21	In a meeting with BEA they requested we collect mineral property expenses for all industries. In 2012 we did not collect this for 211112.

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FGP	FGP - Factoryless Goods Producer - Contract Manufacturing	All Wholesale, All Manufacturing and Services - 5401X, 5402X, 5403X, 5404X, 5405X, 5407X, 5408X, 5410X, 5411X, 5412X, 5413X, and 5511X	For 2017, named Manufacturing Activities. In 2012, these questions focused only on contract manufacturing, with 3 questions on Purchasing Contract Manufacturing and 2 questions on Providing Contract Manufacturing. For 2017, the scope has been broadened to investigate additional attributes of Factoryless Goods Production (FGP), per OMB's mandate for further research to determine whether FGP may be identified reliably for potential classification purposes. Based on 3 rounds of exploratory interviews, 4 rounds of cognitive testing, and interagency research collaboration, the 2017 Economic Census will include 6 questions developed for SUs and 8 questions for MUs, querying key characteristics of FGP. These questions will <u>not</u> be used for producing official statistics or formal classification of FGP. Rather, their purpose is to facilitate additional research to aid decisions about potential future official classification of FGP.