

ATTACHMENT H

**Department of Commerce
United States Census Bureau
Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM)
OMB Control No. 0607-0449**

Eliminated Questions

Item 5B	Exports
Item 11	Inventories Outside of the United States
Email	Support Statement from BEA

Item 5B – Exports:

B. What was the value of products shipped for export?

(This is a breakout of the \$,000.00 reported in **Item 5**, line A.)

Include:

- Products sold to the U.S. government to be shipped to foreign governments under military and economic assistance programs
- Products shipped to exporters or other wholesalers for export
- Products shipped to foreign subsidiaries or foreign divisions of your company and their affiliates

Exclude:

- Products shipped for further manufacture, assembly, or fabrication in the United States
- Freight charges
- Excise taxes
- Overseas sales to the U.S. government
- Shipments of bunker fuels and other supplies and equipment for U.S. vessels and planes engaged in foreign trade



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Item 11 Inventories Outside of the United States:

ITEM 11: INVENTORIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

Of the \$,000.00 reported in **Item 9** as the total value of inventories owned by this establishment as of December 31, 2017, and the \$,000.00 reported in **Item 9** as the total value of inventories owned by this establishment as of December 31, 2016, what was the value of inventories stored or en route OUTSIDE the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia?

Exclude:

- Inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bonded warehouses in the U.S

For more detailed definitions, please see:

<http://enforcement.trade.gov/ftzpage/info/ftzstart.html>

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Subject: Foreign Inventory Question on ASM

Dear Kim,

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) supports the discontinuation of the foreign inventory questions on the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of Manufacturers (ASM). We have been informed by the Census Bureau of the proposed change and support the decision. The modification being proposed to the form will not substantially affect our use of ASM data.

The data collected on the ASM is critical to key components of BEA's economic statistics specifically our national income and product accounts (NIPAS), input-output (I-O) accounts and the gross domestic product by industry statistics.

We appreciate the Census Bureau's diligence in always keeping us informed about modifications to this form. If you need additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, at tiffany.burrell@bea.gov.

Best Regards,

Dennis

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