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**Mandatory Annual Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers’
Expenses in the United States (BE-29)
2021 Survey: Due February 15, 2022**

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is conducting the Annual Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers’ Expenses in the United States (BE-29) for 2021.

The Annual Survey of Foreign Ocean Carriers Expenses in the United States is a mandatory survey that collects data from U.S. agents of foreign ocean carriers for use in estimating the international transactions accounts of the United States. The information collected will be used to help support U.S. international economic policy and to analyze the impact of that policy and the policies of foreign countries on international trade in services. The information collected will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and can only be used for statistical purposes.

The deadline for submitting the BE-29 survey form is February 15, 2022. A response is required whether or not you have transactions to report. If you do not have transactions to report, please complete through Part I of the form and submit it to BEA.

For assistance, please contact BEA staff at be-29help@bea.gov, (301) 278-9303, or send us a message through BEA’s Secure Messaging System by logging into our eFile system at www.bea.gov/efile. Forms, reporting requirements, and FAQs are available at www.bea.gov/ssb. Forms can also be obtained via autoreply by sending a blank email to be-29@bea.gov.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Your response makes a difference in producing accurate and objective statistics on the U.S. economy, including the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP).

Sincerely,



Patricia Abaroa
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