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Memorandum for: Reviewer of 1220-0025

From: Courtney Lam, Economist, Division of International Prices

Subject: NonSubstantive Change for the International Price Program (IPP) Survey – new initiation system

The International Price Program (IPP) requests approval for use of a new initiation system to support publishing of the Import and Export Price Indexes (MXPI), beginning mid-July 2026. The new Industrial Prices Systems (IPS) IPP Initiation System will replace IPP's current initiation system ("Primo").

The IPS Initiation System is a cross-program application developed by the IPP and the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the initiation of companies into the MXPI and PPI surveys, respectively, and for the preparation of ongoing data collection to support publishing of the MXPI and the PPI. There have been no changes to the questions or data collected by this system. The system offers improved screen design and user navigation and will be used by Field Economists and by National Office users, including Statisticians and Economists.

IPS IPP Initiation System screenshots are attached and replace Attachment 11 (screenshots of IPP's current initiation system) included with IPP's last clearance package (in 2023). Note also that Attachment 13 ("B Form") included with IPP's last clearance package will be retired upon implementation of the IPS IPP Initiation System.

None of the changes described in this nonsubstantive change request affect respondent burden, as reported in IPP's most recent full clearance request approved on 7/31/2024.

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