

August 17, 1945

**AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE CENSUS TO TAKE A 1946 CENSUS OF BUSINESS**

In conformity with the authority contained in Section 8 of the Act of Congress approved February 14, 1903 (32 Stat. 829) as amended, I hereby authorize and instruct the Director of the Census, subject to availability of funds, to collect, compile, and publish statistical information covering the entire field of American Business, as it exists in 1946, such Census of Business being deemed necessary and urgent in order to furnish the benchmark statistics needed to serve as the informational basis required by business, industry, and the Government for dealing intelligently with reconversion and post-war problems.

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Secretary of Commerce

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