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FORM  
**SA-44C**  
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# ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE REPORT 2003

**DUE DATE** →

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*(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)*

**YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW.** Title 13, U.S. Code, requires businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the Census Bureau.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

**Please read all instructions and complete all items in this report.** If book figures are not available, carefully prepared estimates, labeled "Est." are acceptable.

This report should cover ALL retail establishments operated by your company and its subsidiaries in the United States (all 50 States and the District of Columbia), except for subsidiaries or operating units which have been requested to submit separate Annual Retail Trade Reports to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Data for auxiliary facilities of your firm primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services to your retail establishments (such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices, and repair services), should also be included in this report.

**Data for retail establishments operated by other firms, such as by franchise, should be excluded entirely from this report.**

For those establishments acquired or sold during 2003, only include data for the period they were operated by your firm.

#### Leased departments and concessions

- 1. Include** in all items of this report, retail leased departments and concessions operated by this firm in establishments of others (e.g., shoe departments in department stores, prescription counters in food stores, gift shops in hotels, concession operations in sports stadiums).
- 2. Exclude** from all items of this report, departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail stores.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### Item 1A OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL

Is this company owned or controlled by another company?

- 050 1  YES  
2  NO

Name of owning or controlling company  
051

Address — Number and street

EI Number (9 digits)

052										

City, State, ZIP code

#### Item 1B NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Number as of  
December 31, 2003

110

Enter the total number of retail establishments, including departments and concessions, covered by this report as of December 31, 2003. →

**Item 2A TOTAL SALES OF MERCHANDISE AND OTHER OPERATING RECEIPTS FOR 2003**

See instruction sheet for detailed directions.

Book figures for the calendar year 2003 should be reported in items 2Aa through 2Ac below. If book figures for the calendar year are not available, carefully prepared estimates for the calendar year are preferable to book figures covering another period.

a. Sales of merchandise and other receipts for all retail establishments, departments, and concessions. →

**NOTE — Include excise taxes on sales of items such as gasoline, liquor, and tobacco. Include e-commerce sales.**

Do not include in item 2Aa receipts collected from customers for carrying charges or other charges for credit or sales taxes which were forwarded directly to taxing authorities.

b. Did your firm collect sales taxes which were forwarded directly to taxing authorities?

**NOTE — Do not include excise taxes reported in item 2Aa.**

120 1  YES — Report the amount of such taxes collected. →

2  NO

c. TOTAL sales of merchandise and other operating receipts including sales taxes collected and forwarded directly to taxing authorities —

Sum of items 2Aa and 2Ab →

2003			
Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
100			
\$			
102			
\$			
103			
\$			

**Item 2B E-COMMERCE SALES OF MERCHANDISE AND OTHER OPERATING RECEIPTS FOR 2003**

E-commerce sales and other operating receipts are sales of goods and services, where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

a. Did your firm have e-commerce sales during 2003?

130 1  YES 2  NO — SKIP to item 2C

b. E-commerce sales by your firm for 2003. (Include e-commerce sales in item 2Aa. Exclude sales taxes.) →

2003			
Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
113			
\$			

**Item 2C SALES REPORT PERIOD**

a. Do the data reported in items 2A and 2B represent the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) for 2003?

121 1  YES — Go to item 3

2  NO — Enter the period that the data represent. →

From	2003		
	Month	Day	Year
104			
105			
To			

**Item 3 MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES (December 31) — See instruction sheet for detailed directions.**

Report cost value of all merchandise. Cost figures for December 31 should be reported in items 3a through 3c. If book figures are not available, carefully prepared estimates of inventories for December 31 are preferable to book figures representing another date. For inventories at LIFO cost, report the LIFO amount plus the LIFO reserve.

Complete each item; enter "0" if none.

a. Merchandise in retail store(s), departments, and concessions. . . . .

b. Merchandise in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to your retail outlet(s), including merchandise to be distributed to retail departments and concessions operated by your firm in other establishments . . . . .

c. TOTAL merchandise inventories —  
Sum of items 3a and 3b →

d. Are the data reported in items 3a through 3c for December 31?

220 1  YES — Go to item 4

2  NO — Enter the date that the data represent. →

Merchandise inventories at cost value							
2003				2002			
Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
201				251			
\$				\$			
202				252			
\$				\$			
200				250			
\$				\$			
203				253			
Month		Day	Year	Month		Day	Year

**Item 4 INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD — See instruction sheet for detailed directions.**

a. Were any of the inventories reported in item 3 above valued using the Last-In, First-Out (LIFO) and/or LIFO Retail Method of inventory valuation?

305 1  YES  2  NO — SKIP to item 5

b. Amount of inventories in item 3c subject to LIFO — Exclude LIFO reserve.

c. Amount of LIFO Reserve — The LIFO Reserve is the DIFFERENCE between a given physical stock valued on a non-LIFO basis, for example, First-In, First-Out (FIFO), and that same physical stock valued at LIFO (i.e., non-LIFO value MINUS LIFO value) . . . . .

d. Amount of total inventories subject to LIFO  
Sum of lines 4b and 4c →

e. Amount of total inventories in item 3c which was not subject to LIFO . . . . .

**NOTE — The sum of lines 4d and 4e should equal item 3c.**

2003				2002			
Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
300				350			
\$				\$			
301				351			
\$				\$			
302				352			
\$				\$			
303				353			
\$				\$			

<b>Item 5 PURCHASES OF MERCHANDISE (AT COST)</b>	Purchases at cost value			
<p><i>See instruction sheet for detailed directions.</i></p> <p><b>a.</b> Report <b>total cost of merchandise</b> purchased for resale (net of returns, allowances, and trade and cash discounts), for which you took title during 2003 whether or not payment was made during the year. <i>Exclude expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for your company's own use.</i> →</p> <p><b>b.</b> Were any of the goods purchased for resale in item 5a ordered over an Internet, extranet, EDI or other online system?</p> <p>405 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES                      2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO                      3 <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW</p>	<b>2003</b>			
	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
	400			
	\$			

**DEFINITIONS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

**INSTALLMENT ACCOUNTS**  
**Open-end** — Primarily "revolving" or optional accounts in which a deferred payment privilege is extended through a line of credit and the customer has the option of paying the balance in full, usually with no finance charge, or paying in two or more installments subject to some minimum required payment with a finance charge usually assessed.  
**Closed-end** — Credit generally requiring a new contract to cover each extension of credit in which a precomputed finance charge is assessed, and which specifies a fixed schedule of installment payments with the number and the amount of payments and due dates specified in the contract.  
**CHARGE ACCOUNTS** — Credit accounts for which full payment is scheduled to be made at the end of the customary billing period.  

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE BEFORE ANSWERING ITEM 6B.**

<b>Item 6A ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES</b>
<p>Does this company extend credit to customers at any of its retail establishments or departments or concessions covered by this report?</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> — Exclude credit which may have originated at this firm, but is actually provided by others, such as banks, finance companies, oil or other credit card issuing companies.</p> <p>520 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES — Refer to definitions of accounts receivable above.          2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO — SKIP to item 7</p>

<b>Item 6B UNPAID BALANCES FOR ALL RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THIS REPORT</b>	Balances outstanding as of —			
<p>Type of account</p> <p>Mark (X) one box for each line to indicate type of credit account carried.</p> <p><b>1. INSTALLMENT ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p>(a) Open-end accounts (revolving or optional)                      521 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES                      2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>(b) Closed-end accounts                      522 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES                      2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>2. CHARGE ACCOUNTS</b>                      523 1 <input type="checkbox"/> YES                      2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>3. Total — Sum of lines 1(a), 1(b), and 2</b> →</p>	December 31, 2003			
	Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
	501			
	\$			
	502			
	\$			
	503			
	\$			
	500			
	\$			

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<b>Item 7 CERTIFICATION</b> — This report is substantially accurate and has been prepared in accordance with instructions.						
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			955 Fax number			
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			956 Internet address (firm's homepage)			
			http://			