DIRECTIVE NO. 8

STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION
OF ESTABLISHMENTS

The Standard Industrial Classification is to be used to classify reporting establishments by types of industrial activity in which engaged. Details are presented in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972, issued by the Office of Management and Budget as amended by the Supplement issued by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, and any further revisions. A revision has been scheduled for 1982.

1. Use for Federal Nonstatistical Program Purposes

The Standard Industrial Classification shall not be used in the administration of any regulatory, administrative, or tax program unless the Secretary (Administrator) has first determined that the use of such industry definition is appropriate to the implementation of the program's objectives.

If the term, "Standard Industrial Classifica-

\[\text{tion} \] \text{(SIC) is to be used in the operative text of the law or regulation to define industry (or trade or commerce), language similar to the following should be used to assure sufficient flexibility:}

"An industry shall mean a Standard Industrial Classification industry or group of industries as defined by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards subject to such modifications with respect to individual industries as the Secretary (Administrator) may determine to be appropriate for the purpose of this Act (regulation)."

2. Titles and Descriptions


\[\text{Directive No. 8 supersedes section 7(d) of OMB Circular No. A-46, dated May 3, 1974.}\]