

# **BEA Has Recently Updated Form BE-605**

Here are some answers to questions you might have:

**Q. Why were changes made to the form?**

**A.** Periodically, BEA makes changes to forms to adapt to changing statistical needs and to make the forms easier for survey respondents to understand and complete.

**Q. What changes were made?**

**A.** Most of the changes are on pages 10 and 11. We were finding that some survey respondents were confusing balances and interest with their foreign parent with balances and interest with the foreign affiliates of their foreign parent. To address this problem, we've:

- Moved the foreign parent questions to pages 10 and 11 with the foreign affiliates of the foreign parent questions and made changes to language and formatting to improve clarity.
- Expanded the instructions on page 9 and added a new diagram.

We also made a few other minor changes – we dropped a question on expansions (formerly question 6) and moved a few questions from page 3 and page 9 to page 8.

**Q. When do these changes take effect?**

**A.** June 2012 (the second quarter 2012 report)

**Q. What if I have to file a BE-605 for a quarter prior to second quarter 2012?**

**A.** Use the new form.

**Q. I have another question and/or a suggestion. Who can I contact?**

**A.** Call or email us – 202-606-5577 or [BE605@bea.gov](mailto:BE605@bea.gov). We are happy to answer your questions and welcome your feedback on Form BE-605.