



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Price Stabilization Data File, 8/13/1973 - 4/30/1974**

**Record Group 432**

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### 1. What information is in these records?

The records contain sales data from companies that were subject to government price regulation from August 1973 to April 1974. The data was gathered or generated from Form CLC-22 when submitted by companies to the Cost of Living Council as a prenotification of a price increase. Each record contains information about the company, the product or service sold, income and profit from the sale, and the sale price increase. Most records also contain information from Schedule C of the CLC-22, which companies submitted to justify their request for the price increase. The Schedule C information includes material, administrative and labor costs as well as profit made.

### 2. Why were these records created?

The Cost of Living Council created and used this file to monitor and analyze prenotification of price increase reports submitted by companies in accordance with Executive Order 11730, effective August 13, 1973. Analysis of the data allowed the agency to issue reports on the effectiveness of its price regulation programs.

### 3. Why are there values, acronyms and abbreviations that are not defined in the documentation?

Because the data file supported current business, the users of the file understood the figures and terms in the data and the documentation. Meanings that were evident to the users were not always included in the documentation.

### 4. How can I access a copy of the full file?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Price Stabilization Data File, or using the National Archives Identifier 635818, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at:  
<https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:  
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.