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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 26, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

- **Title:** Use of Sodium Citrate Buffered with Citric Acid in Certain Cured and Uncured Processed Meat and Poultry Products.

Summary: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is amending the Federal meat and Poultry products inspection regulations to permit the use of a solution of sodium citrate buffered with citric acid in cured and uncured processed whole-muscle meat and poultry products.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to approve labels to be used with processed whole-muscle meat and poultry products using the solution of sodium citrate buffered with citric acid.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,250.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of administrative cost information under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) for the September, 1996 Current Population Survey.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments and requests for copies of this information collection and instructions may be sent to Lou Pastura, Acting Division Director, Grants Management Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lou Pastura (703) 305-2048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs.

OMB Number: 0584-0385.

Form Number: FNS-667 (2-93).

Expiration Date of approval: 5/31/96.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The FNS-667, Report of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Administrative Costs, is completed quarterly, with a close-out report, by State agencies administering TEFAP. States use the form to report how Federal administrative funds are utilized, in three separate categories. States may use funds to pay costs incurred by the State agency itself, or to pay costs incurred by local recipient agencies—emergency feeding organizations (EFOs) that distribute USDA commodities to eligible households. States also “pass down” to EFOs a certain percentage of Federal administrative funds received, as required by legislation and Federal regulations. The information reported on the form is used by the Food and Consumer Service to ensure that States meet this requirement, and the requirement—also legislatively mandated—that States match all Federal administrative funds that are not passed down to the local agencies.

Affected Public: State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Time Per Response: .5 to 8 hours per response/average 3.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 962.5 hours annually (55 State agencies * 5 responses=275 responses; 275 responses @ 3.5 hours).

Dated: April 22, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Form FCS-471, Coupon Account and Destruction Report

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. Sections 7, 11, and 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 are the bases for the information collected on Form FCS-471, Coupon Account and Destruction Report. The Food Stamp Act requires an appropriate procedure for determining and monitoring the level of coupon inventories under the control of issuance agents for the purpose of maintaining inventories at proper levels. The procedure also involves monitoring deliveries and returns of coupons to inventory, and exercising control over removal of coupons from circulation.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to James I. Porter, Supervisor, Issuance and Accountability Section, State Administration Branch, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to James Porter, (703) 305-2385.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Coupon Account and Destruction Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0053.

Form Number: FCS-471.

Expiration Date: 5/31/96.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of this previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: 7 CFR 274.7 (f), (g) and (h) of the Food Stamp Program regulations require that State agencies dispose of coupons which are received at issuance, claims collection, inventory, and bulk storage points, within 30 days after the end of the month in which they were received. These are coupons received as payments on claims, mutilated or improperly manufactured coupons, old-series coupons which are exchanged for current series, and coupons which are returned for various other reasons. Coupon books returned intact and unsigned are reusable and returned to inventory. Since coupons are a Federal obligation, the value and books by denomination of unusable coupons are documented and reported on Form FCS-471, and the coupons are destroyed. Form FCS-471 is also used to document overages and shortages discovered by issuance and bulk storage points during coupon shipment or transfer. The information contained on the Form FCS-471 is necessary to substantiate coupon inventory and claims collection (coupon payment) data.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,276.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.33.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 40,331 hours.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; FCS-245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule; FCS-247, Statistical Summary of Sample Disposition; and FCS-248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collection of the FCS-245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule; the FCS-247, Statistical Summary of Sample Disposition; and the FCS-248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information

collection to: John Knaus, Chief, Quality Control Branch, Program Accountability Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Knaus, (703) 305-2474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quality Control Negative Case Action Review Schedule, Statistical Summary of Sample Disposition, Status of Sample Selection and Completion.

OMB Number: 0584-0034.

Form Number: FCS-245, FCS-247, & FCS-248.

Expiration Date: 05/31/96.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The FCS-245, Negative Case Action Review Schedule, is designed to collect QC data and serve as the data entry form for negative case action quality control (QC) reviews in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Adult Assistance and Food Stamp programs. State agencies complete the FCS-245 for each negative case in their QC sample. The FCS-247, Statistical Summary of Sample Disposition, summarizes the data obtained from a State's active and negative QC samples over the course of each annual reporting period. The FCS-248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion, tracks a State's progress in sample selection and case completion on a monthly basis.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35,132.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 Hours.