

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.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:
107,135.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

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Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request—Child Nutrition
Labeling Program**

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) to request OMB review of information collection activities related to the Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by 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 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;
(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, and will become a matter of public record. Send comments to: Ms. Marion Hinnens, Acting Branch Chief, Technical Assistance Branch, Nutrition and Technical Services Division, Food and Consumer Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instruction should be directed to Marion Hinnens at (703) 305-2556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Child Nutrition Labeling Program.

OMB Number: 0584-0320.

Expiration Date: 6/30/96.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved, voluntary collection of information contained in existing regulation.

Abstract: The Child Nutrition (CN) labeling program is a voluntary technical assistance program to aid schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in determining the contribution a commercial product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements of these programs. There is no Federal requirement that commercial products must have a CN label statement.

To participate in the Program, industry submits product labels and formulations to FCS that are in conformance with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) label approval program for meat and poultry, and United States Department of Commerce (USDC) label approval program for seafood products. FCS reviews a manufacturer's product formulation to determine the contribution a serving of the product makes toward the food-based meal pattern requirements. The application form submitted to FCS is the same application that companies submit to FSIS and USDC to receive labeling approval. A CN label application is also reviewed by FCS for accuracy.

Estimate of Burden: Based on our most recent interviews with manufacturers it is estimated that it takes a manufacturer forty-five minutes to complete the required calculations and to formulate the CN label application.

Respondents: Participation in the CN labeling program is voluntary. Only manufacturers who wish to place CN labels on their products must comply with program requirements. Last year 628 establishments sent in 5,698 label transmittals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 628.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,274 hours.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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**Food Stamp Program: Agency
Information Collection Activities:
Proposed Collection; Comment
Request; Energy Assistance**

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. Section 1306 of the 1981 Farm Bill (Pub. L. 97-98) is the basis for the information required at 7 CFR 273.9(c)(11) of a State agency seeking to disregard as income for food stamp purposes State or local energy assistance payments. Failure to obtain the required level of documentation could result in large dollar losses due to disregard of income for food stamp purposes that is not in fact excludable energy assistance.

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;
(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 Margaret Werts Batko, Acting Chief, Certification Policy Branch, Program Development 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: Requests for additional information should be directed to Margaret Werts Batko (703) 305-2516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Energy Assistance.

OMB Number: 0584-0301.

Form Number: not a form.

Expiration Date: 6/30/96.