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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 10, 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, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, DC 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Title: Biological Shipment Record—Beneficial Organisms.

Summary: This program provides needed scientific information on the introduction of exotic organisms into the United States.

Need and Use of the Information:
Collection of this information
contributes to the biological control and
taxonomic research program in USDA
by recording the introduction and
release of non-indigenous biological
control organisms in the United States
by scientists and other practitioners of
biological control of pests.

Description of Respondents: Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 20.
Larry Roberson,
Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.
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Food and Consumer Service

Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly Poverty Income Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the adjusted poverty income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of elderly persons applying to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These poverty income guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CSFP Regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–1594, or telephone (703) 305–2661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.565 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

Description

On December 23, 1985 the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198). This legislation amended section 5(f) and (g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) to require that the Secretary permit agencies administering the CSFP to serve elderly persons if such service can be provided without reducing service levels for women, infants, and children. The law also mandates establishment of income eligibility requirements for elderly participation. Prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99–198, elderly participation was restricted by law to three designated pilot projects which served the elderly in accordance with agreements with the Department.

In order to implement the CSFP mandates of Pub. L. 99-198, the Department published interim rules on September 17, 1986 at 51 FR 32895 and a final rule on February 18, 1988 at 58 FR 8287. These regulations defined "elderly persons" as those who are 60 years of age or older. The final rule further stipulated that elderly persons certified on or after September 17, 1986 must have "household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services" (7 CFR 247.7(a)(3)).

These poverty income guidelines are revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The revision for 1996 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the Federal Register for March 4, 1996 at 61 FR 8286. At this time the Department is publishing the income limit of 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines by household size to be used for elderly certification in the CSFP for the period July 1, 1996–June 30, 1997.

The poverty income guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar. The table in this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The poverty income guidelines for areas outside of the 48 contiguous States have not been included in this notice because the CSFP does not operate in these areas. The revised income guidelines reflect an

increase of 3.58 percent over the income guidelines for the previous period.

FCS POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES FOR ELDERLY IN CSFP—48 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

[Effective July 1, 1996–June 30, 1997; 130 Percent of Poverty Income Guidelines]

Family size	Annual	Month	Week
1	10,062 13,468 16,874 20,280 23,686 27,092 30,498 33,904	839 1,123 1,407 1,690 1,974 2,258 2,542 2,826	194 259 325 390 456 521 587 652
For each addi- tional family member add	+3,406	+284	+66

Dated May 2, 1996. William E Ludwig, Administrator.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service [Docket No. 96–019N]

Location of Proposed Technical Service Center; Opportunity To Present Alternative Sites for Consideration

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection

Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is considering creating a Technical Service Center to provide technical assistance, advice, and guidance for FSIS Field Operations personnel and the regulated meat, poultry, and egg products industries. FSIS is providing interested parties the opportunity to present recommended sites for its proposed Technical Service Center.

DATES: Requests to make a presentation to the Agency must be received by June 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Mr. O.V. Cummings, Director, Administrative Services Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. O.V. Cummings or Mr. Glen Durst at the above address or at (202) 720–3551, Fax (202) 205–7392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS has submitted a proposed reorganization plan to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval. The plan establishes a

Technical Service Center to provide technical assistance, advice, and guidance for FSIS Field Operations personnel and the regulated meat, poultry, and egg products industries. The Center would house approximately 100 FSIS employees to provide guidance on the enforcement and application of FSIS domestic and import regulations, policies, and systems.

Approximately half of the employees that would be assigned to the Center are currently located in the Washington, D.C. area, with the remainder of the employees in the five Regional Offices or other locations. Locating the Center in the Washington D.C. area would result in the lowest initial cost to the Agency because there would be no relocation costs for employees already assigned to the Washington D.C. area. In addition, locating the Center in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area would enhance FSIS's ability to coordinate Agency functions with the Center.

However, locating the Center in a rural area could serve the Agency well in the long term. Experience shows that it is easier to recruit employees in areas where the cost of living is relatively low. In addition, locating the Center in the middle of the country would make it easier to serve field personnel and industry because the time difference between the Center and offices located on the east and west coast would not be so great.

FSIS invites recommendations regarding the location of the Technical Service Center. Persons interested in proposing sites for the Center should address issues of initial costs, other costs, and benefits associated with a particular, recommended location. The proposed locations should, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

- Offer an adequate selection of moderate to middle income housing.
- Be within reasonable driving distance to a major airport because there will be occasional travel to and from the 18 proposed district offices and Washington, D.C.
- Have nearby hotel/motel accommodations.
- Have available office space to support the Center staff (approximately 20,000 square feet).

The presentations may be given in person, on videotape, or by conference call. Written recommendations should be sent to Mr. O.V. Cummings (See ADDRESSES).

The Agency will contact respondents to schedule the presentations to be given at FSIS headquarters. Presenters from outside the Washington D.C. area who wish to make presentations at FSIS

headquarters must make their own travel arrangements and pay their own travel expenses.

Done at Washington, DC, on May 9, 1996. Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety. [FR Doc. 96–12136 Filed 5–14–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–DM–P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office. Title: Disclosure Document Program. Form Number(s): PTO/SB/95. Agency Approval Number: 0651–0030.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 5,400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 27,000. Avg Hours Per Response: .2 hours.

Needs and Uses: The information collected includes the invention disclosure submitted by the inventor and a form which requests the name and address of the inventor. The name and address information is used to notify the inventor of the receipt of the invention disclosure and to inform the inventor of the deposit number which must be used if the applicant desires to reference the invention disclosure in a subsequent application for patent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other forprofit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395–3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482–3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.