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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Directors Meeting

**TIME:** 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** ADF Headquarters.

**DATE:** Wednesday, 16 October 1996.

**STATUS:** Open.

Agenda

12:00 noon—Lunch

12:30 p.m.—Chairman's Report

1:00 p.m.—President's Report

3:00 p.m.—Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Ms. Janis McCollim, Executive Assistant to the President, who can be reached at (202) 673-3916.

William R. Ford,  
President.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 28, 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, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by

calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

#### • Rural Housing Service

**Title:** Form FmHA 410-8, "Applicant Reference Letter (A Request for Credit Reference)"

**Summary:** Form FmHA 410-8, "Applicant Reference Letter" is used by the Rural Housing Service to supplement or verify other debts when a credit report is limited.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information is collected and used by Rural Housing Service personnel to supplement or verify other debts when a credit report is limited and unavailable to determine the applicant's eligibility and creditworthiness for loans and grants.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 27,360.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: On Occasion.

**Total Burden Hours:** 27,086.

#### • Food Safety Inspection Service

**Title:** Application for Inspection, Sanitation, Accredited Laboratories, and Exemptions.

**Summary:** FSIS requires meat and poultry establishments and FSIS accredited non-Federal analytical laboratories to maintain certain paperwork and records.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information is used to ensure that all meat and poultry establishments produce safe, wholesome, and unadulterated product, and that non-federal laboratories accord with FSIS regulations.

**Description of Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents:** 6,316.

**Frequency of Responses:** Recordkeeping; Reporting: On Occasion.  
**Total Burden Hours:** 2,680.

#### • Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

**Title:** 7 CFR Parts 401, 402, 407, 443 and 457—Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan and Related Documents—Group risk Plan.

**Summary:** Information collected includes: application and contract, acreage, production and yield reports and supplemental information for crop insurance options.

**Need and Use of the Information:** The information is used to implement the Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan.

**Description of Respondents:** Farms.  
**Number of Respondents:** 1,775,708.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 1,889,486.

Larry Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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## Office of the Secretary

### Determination of Total Amounts and Quota Period for Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the aggregate quantity of 2,300,000 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar that may be entered under subheading 1701.11.10 during fiscal year 1997 (FY 97), with 600,000 metric tons subject to possible cancellation. This notice in addition establishes the aggregate quantity of 47,000 metric tons (raw value basis) for certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) during FY 97.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to the Sugar Team Leader, Import Policy and Programs Division, STOP 1021, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 5531, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Hammond (Sugar Team Leader, Import Policy and Programs Division), 202-720-1061.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS provides in pertinent part as follows:

\* \* \* the aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under subheading 1701.11.10, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), not less than, 1,117,195 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary of Agriculture \* \* \*, and the aggregate quantity of sugars, syrups, and molasses entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, under

subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10 and 2106.90.44, during any fiscal year, shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount (expressed in terms of raw value), less than 22,000 metric tons, as shall be established by the Secretary. With either the aggregate quantity for raw cane sugar or the aggregate quantity for syrups, sugars and molasses other than raw cane sugar, the Secretary may reserve a quota quantity for the importation of specialty sugars as defined by the United States Trade Representative.

These provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the total amounts (expressed in terms of raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain other sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties of the tariff-rate quotas for entry during the fiscal year beginning October 1.

The Secretary issued a proposal for the 1997 fiscal year tariff-rate quota on August 13, 1996, and invited comments from interested persons. Approximately 40 comments were received and were considered.

Allocations of the quota amounts among supplying countries and areas will be made by the United States Trade Representative.

#### Notice

Notice is hereby given that I have determined, in accordance with paragraph (a) of additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 17 of the HTS, that an aggregate quantity of up to 2,300,000 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period from October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997. Of this quantity, 1,700,000 metric tons will be immediately available, to be allocated by the United States Trade Representative, and the remaining 600,000 metric tons will be held in reserve.

If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the January 1997 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) is equal to, or less than 15.5 percent, the United States Trade Representative will allocate an additional 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar. If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the January 1997 WASDE is greater than 15.5 percent, 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar will be automatically cancelled without further notice.

If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the March 1997 WASDE is equal to, or

less than 15.5 percent, the United States Trade Representative will allocate an additional 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar. If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the March 1997 WASDE is greater than 15.5 percent, 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar will be automatically cancelled without further notice.

If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the May 1997 WASDE is equal to, or less than, 15.5 percent, the United States Trade Representative will allocate an additional 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar. If the stocks-to-use ratio published in the May 1997 WASDE is greater than 15.5 percent, 200,000 metric tons of the reserved quantity for raw cane sugar will be automatically cancelled without further notice.

I have further determined that an aggregate quantity of up to 47,000 metric tons, raw value, of certain sugars, syrups, and molasses described in subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period from October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997. I have further determined that out of this quantity of 47,000 metric tons, the quantity of 1,656 metric tons, raw value, is reserved for the importation of specialty sugars. These quota amounts may be allocated among supplying countries and areas by the United States Trade Representative.

Interested parties are further notified that shipping patterns will be established for imports of raw cane sugar from the Dominican Republic, Brazil and the Philippines. Imports from each of these countries during the first quarter of the fiscal year may not exceed 25 percent of the quantity allocated to such country, nor more than 50 percent of such allocations prior to April 1, 1997, nor more than 75 percent of such allocations prior to July 1, 1997.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on September 27, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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#### Forest Service

#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for Bid Form for National Forest System Timber for Sale

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request an extension of a currently approved information collection. The information is necessary to determine if a bidder, submitting a bid to the National Forest System timber sale program, meets the requirements for the program.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before December 2, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to: Director, Timber Management (2430), Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Naylor, Timber Management Staff, at (202) 205-0858.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended:

*Title:* FS-2400-42a—Bid Form for Advertised National Forest System Timber.

*OMB Number:* 0596-0066.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* February 28, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a previously approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The data collected are used by the agency to ensure that National Forest System timber is sold at not less than appraised value, that bidders meet specific criteria when submitting a bid, and that anti-trust violations do not occur during the bidding process. Respondents are bidders on National Forest System timber sales. Forest Service Sale Officers mail bid forms to potential bidders, and bidders return the completed forms, dated and signed, to the Forest Service Sale Officer. Each bidder must include the following: the price bid for the timber, an address, and a tax identification number. The tax identification number of each bidder is entered into an automated bid monitoring system, which is used to determine if speculative bidding or bid collusion is occurring. The tax identification number is also used to facilitate electronic payments to the purchaser. Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

*Estimate of Burden:* 10 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals, large and small businesses, and corporations bidding on National Forest timber sales.