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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 25, 1997.

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 (a) whether the 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 burden 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 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 Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West, M.O. 985.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0065.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected to nominate committee members, to determine compliance, to levy assessments and to prepare reports. *Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used to regulate Marketing Order 985.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 264.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually; Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 195.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Cotton Ginnings.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0220.

Summary of Collection: Information collected includes bales of cotton ginned and to be ginned, lint cotton and cottonseed produced and cottonseed sold to oil mills.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to help prepare monthly and annual cotton production estimates and production cost estimates.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 11,610.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Semi-annually; Annually; September-January.

Total Burden Hours: 1,168.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Request for Credit Account Approval for Reimbursable Services.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0055.

Summary of Collection: Information is collected from applicants for reimbursable inspection services.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is needed to support requests for credit accounts for reimbursable overtime and import/export services and to provide information to prepare billings for such services performed.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 480.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 120.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1951-C, "Offset of Federal Payments to USDA Borrowers".

OMB Control Number: 0575-0119.

Summary of Collection: Borrowers may respond to administrative, salary, or IRS offset by a written request for records, a written offer to repay, or a written request for an approval.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to promulgate the policies and procedures of the Federal Collection Act of 1996.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 9,325.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 5,488.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[DA-97-15]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Report Forms Under the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 2, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact William F. Newell, Order Operations Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box

96456, Room 2753-S, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456; Telephone (202) 720-3869 or Fax (202) 720-4844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report Forms Under Federal Milk Orders (From Milk Handlers and Milk Marketing Cooperatives)

OMB Number: 0581-0032.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Federal Milk Marketing Order regulations authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), require milk handlers to report in detail the receipt and utilization of milk and milk products handled at each of their plants that are regulated by a Federal Order. The data are needed to administer the classified pricing system and related requirements of each Federal Order.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the orders must be approved in referenda conducted by the Secretary.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .87 hours per response.

Respondents: Milk Handlers and Milk Marketing Cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 772.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 35.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,858 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington D.C. 20090-6456. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

Richard M. McKee,

Deputy Administrator, Dairy Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Title I, P. L. 480 Agreements With the Private Trade

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Commodity Credit Corporation ("CCC") invites proposals for "agricultural market development plans" to be considered by CCC in connection with approval of agreements under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, ("Pub. L. 480"). Agricultural market development plans must be submitted by developing countries or private entities in conjunction with agricultural trade organizations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Program Development Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4506, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250; telephone: (202) 720-4221; Facsimile: (202) 690-0251.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Title I of Pub. L. 480, CCC finances, on concessional credit terms, the sale and exportation of agricultural commodities to developing countries. As a result of amendments made by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-127, CCC may now also enter into Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreements with private entities. When selecting agreements to be entered into under Title I, Pub. L. 480, whether with a developing country or private entity (hereafter "participant"), CCC must give priority to agreements providing for the export to developing countries that:

(1) Have the demonstrated potential to become commercial markets for competitively priced United States agricultural commodities;

(2) Are undertaking measures for economic development purposes to improve food security and agricultural development, alleviate poverty, and promote broad-based equitable and sustainable development; and

(3) Demonstrate the greatest need for food.

Section 102(c)(2) of Pub. L. 480 provides that CCC shall consider a developing country for which an agricultural market development plan has been approved as having the demonstrated potential to become a commercial market. The purpose of this Notice is to invite interested parties to submit agricultural market development plans to CCC for its consideration in selecting Title I, Pub. L. 480 agreements. In order to be considered, an agricultural market development plan must be submitted by a developing country or private entity in conjunction with an "agricultural trade organization." An agricultural trade organization is a non-profit organization that promotes the sale and export of U.S. agricultural commodities. The terms "agricultural commodities" and "developing country" are defined in section 402 of Pub. L. 480. The agricultural market development plan must describe a project or program for the development and expansion of a commercial market for a United States agricultural commodity in a developing country, and the economic development of the country. Local currency realized from the sale of commodities received by a participant may be used to fund the agricultural market development plan.

Interested parties desiring to submit an agricultural market development plan to CCC should submit an agricultural market development plan, or a concept paper to the Director, Program Development Division, Foreign Agricultural Service at the following address: Director, Program Development Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4506, South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The agricultural market development plans or concept papers should outline the following points that will ultimately be incorporated into a final agricultural market development plan:

- A description of the project or program for the development and expansion of a commercial market for a U.S. agricultural commodity on a generic basis in a developing country, and the economic development of the country;

- An indication of funding sources to implement the project or program, e.g., private industry or host government funds, in addition to local currency sales proceeds;

- Whether CCC funds would be necessary for reimbursement of administrative costs incurred by agricultural trade organizations in implementing and administering agricultural market development plans (CCC will not provide funds for