

Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instruction should be directed to Retha Oliver, (703) 305-2474.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Worksheet for Food Stamp Program Quality Control Reviews.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0074.

*Form Number:* FNS-380 (Was FCS-380).

*Expiration Date:* November 30, 1999.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Form FNS-380 is a worksheet used in the Food Stamp Program to determine eligibility and benefits for households selected for review in the quality control sample of active cases. We estimate the reporting burden for this collection of information averages 9.00 hours per response. This includes the time for analyzing the household case record; planning and carrying out the field investigation; and gathering, comparing, analyzing and evaluating the review data. We estimate the recordkeeping burden associated with this information collection is 0.0236 hours per record. We previously cleared the reporting and recordkeeping burden for this form under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance number 0584-0074. OMB approved the burden through 11/30/99. Based on the most recent information available, we estimate 55,844 FNS-380 worksheets will be completed annually. This is a 5,996 reduction from the previous estimate of responses and a represents a corresponding 54,105 hour reduction in the reporting and recordkeeping burden. The reduction in responses is a result of allowing States to reduce their sample sizes. We are requesting a three-year approval from OMB for this information collection.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53 State agencies.

*Estimated Total Number of Responses Per Year:* 55,844 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response for Information Collection:* 9.0236 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 503,914 hours.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

**Samuel Chambers, Jr.,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Ohio**

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Ohio, US Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Ohio for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Ohio to issue revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The proposed standard revisions are Critical Area Planting (Code 342), Cover and Green Manure Crop (Code 340), Conservation Cover (Code 327), Contour Farming (Code 330), and Contour Buffer Strips (Code 332). These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before June 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to Paul DeArman, Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 200 North High Street, Room 522, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Copies of these standards will be made available upon written request. You may submit electronic requests and comments to [paul.dearman@oh.nrcs.usda.gov](mailto:paul.dearman@oh.nrcs.usda.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after the enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding the disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: April 16, 1999.

**Patrick K. Wolf,**

*State Conservationist, Columbus, Ohio.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Telephone Bank**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 1999.

**PLACE:** Room 5030, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

1. Current telecommunications industry issues.
2. Status of PBO planning.
3. Status of procurement request for legal advisor to the privatization committee.
4. OIG audit report on FY 1998 financial statements.
5. Bank's annual report for FY 1998.
6. Administrative issues.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 14, 1999.

**PLACE:** The Williamsburg Room, Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on the February 10, 1999, Minutes.
3. Report on loans approved in the second quarter of FY 1999.
4. Summary of financial activity for the second quarter of FY 1999.
5. Privatization committee report.
6. Consideration of the Bank's annual report for FY 1998.
7. Establish date and location of November 1999 board meeting.
8. Adjournment.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

**Wally Beyer,**

*Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce (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 USC Chapter 35). This request is being submitted under the emergency clearance procedures.

*Agency:* Bureau of Export Administration.

*Title:* Chemical Weapons Convention, Amendment to the Export Administration Regulation (End-Use Certificates, Advance Notifications and Annual Reports).

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New Collection—EMERGENCY APPROVAL REQUESTED.

*Burden:* 178 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 134 (multiple responses).

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes for notifications, annual reports and end-use certificates.

*Needs and Uses:* The United States is under obligation by this international treaty to impose certain trade controls. State Parties may only export Schedule 1 chemicals to other State Parties, must provide advance notification of exports of any quantity of a Schedule 1 chemical, and must submit annual reports of exports of such chemicals during the previous calendar year. The Convention also requires that prior to the export of a Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 chemicals to a non-States Party, the exporter must obtain an End-Use Certificate issued by the government of the importing country.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion, annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Dave Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet [LEngelme@doc.gov](mailto:LEngelme@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by Friday, May 7, 1999 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. This collection is being submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

[Docket No. 990427107-9107-01]

#### Initiation of National Security; Investigation of Imports of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Export Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of national security investigation and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that an investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of crude oil and petroleum products. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, opinions, data, information, or advice relative to the investigation to the Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments (three copies) should be sent to Bernard Kritzer, Manager, Special Projects, Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2093, Washington, D.C., 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Hubinger, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3825.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 28, 1999, the Department of Commerce initiated an investigation under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862), to determine the effects on the national security of imports of crude oil and petroleum products. The findings and recommendations of the investigation are to be reported by the Secretary of Commerce to the President not later than January 29, 2000.

The imported crude oil and refined petroleum products to be investigated include:

- Crude oil, under 25 degrees API
- Crude oil, 25 degrees API or more
- Motor fuel, including motor gasoline, naphtha-type jet fuel, and kerosene jet fuel
- Motor fuel blending components
- Kerosene derived from petroleum, shale oil, or both, except motor fuel
- Naphthas derived from petroleum, shale oil, natural gas, or combinations thereof, except motor oil
- Fuel oils, under 25 degrees API
- Fuel oils, 25 degrees API or more
- Mineral oil of medicinal grade derived from petroleum, shale oil, or both
- Lubricating oils and greases, derived from petroleum, shale oil, or both, with or without additives
- Mixtures of hydrocarbons not specifically provided for, derived wholly from petroleum, shale oil, natural gas, or combinations thereof, which contain by weight not over 50% of any single hydrocarbon compound
- Paraffin and other petroleum waxes
- Petroleum coke
- Bitumen
- Asphaltum, bitumen, and limestone-rock asphalt
- Petroleum gases (natural gas liquids) and other hydrocarbons

This investigation is being undertaken in accordance with part 705 of the National Security Industrial Base Regulations (15 CFR parts 700 to 709) (the "regulations"). Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, opinions, data, information, or advice relevant to this investigation to the Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, no later than June 3, 1999.

The Department is particularly interested in comments and information directed to the criteria listed in § 705.4 of the regulations as they affect national security, including the following:

- (a) Quantity of the article in question or other circumstances related to the importation of the articles subject to the investigation;
- (b) Domestic production and productive capacity needed for those articles to meet protected national defense requirements;
- (c) Existing and anticipated availability of human resources, products, raw materials, production equipment, and facilities to produce these items;
- (d) Growth requirements of domestic industries to meet national defense requirements and/or requirements to assure such growth;
- (e) The impact of foreign competition on the economic welfare of the domestic industry; and