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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 1, 1999.

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, D.C. 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Demand Side Management and Integrated Resource Plan.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0105.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Loan Restructuring Act of 1993, Public Law 103-129, (RELRA), signed into law by President Clinton on November 1, 1993, amended the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq (RE Act) to permit the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans for Demand Side Management (DSM), energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems. DSM and energy conservation programs have become increasingly important to electric utilities as they seek ways to make their existing systems more efficient and reduce the need for new capacity. RUS will collect information using an RUS-approved integrated resource plan (IRP) and the loan application.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information to determine the eligibility of applicants for loans and loan guarantees under the RE Act; monitor the compliance of borrowers with debt covenants and regulatory requirements in order to protect loan security; ensure that borrowers use loan funds for purposes consistent with the statutory goals of the RE Act; and obtain information on the progress of rural electrification, as required by the RE Act.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 3.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 24.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Stock Report.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0007.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's primary function is to prepare and issue current official State and National estimates of crop and livestock production. As part of this function, estimates are made for stocks of grain (including rice) oilseeds, potatoes, peanuts, hops, and dry beans. Grain and oilseed stocks in all positions (on-farm and off-farm) are estimated quarterly. Grain stocks estimates are one of the most important National

Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimates, which are watched closely by growers and industry groups. General authority for data collection is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * * by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists. "The Hop Growers of America provides the data collection for much of the production information but, because of sensitivity issues, stocks and price information are best collected by an impartial third party-NASS. NASS collects the stocks data because there is a high degree of competition among the brewers, dealers, and growers. NASS will collect information using stock reports.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information to administer farm program legislation and make decisions relative to the export-import programs. Estimates of stocks provide essential statistics on supplies and contribute to orderly marketing. These estimates are used by farmers and agribusiness firms in their production and marketing decisions. In the absence of such information feeding would continue at an ultimately unsustainable rate, causing more drastic adjustment to be necessary near the end of the crop marketing year.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 12,590.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Monthly; quarterly; semi-annually; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 14,683.

Risk Management Agency

Title: General Administrative Regulations; Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions.

OMB Control Number: 0563-0055.

Summary of Collection: Section 533 of the 1998 Research Act requires the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) to publish regulations on how FCIC will provide a final agency determination in response to certain inquiries. Sec. 533 provides if FCIC does not respond in the time established by this regulation, the interpretation of the requested is considered correct for the crop year. It becomes necessary for the requester, or respondent, to identify himself so he can be provided a

response and also to state his interpretation of the regulation for which he is seeking a final agency interpretation.

Need and Use of the Information: The requesters name and address will be used to allow FCIC to provide a response to the requester (respondent). The requesters detailed interpretation of the regulation is required to comply with the requirements of Sec. 533 of the 1998 Research Act and to clarify the boundaries of the request to FCIC. FCIC would not be able to comply with the statutory mandates of Sec. 533 of the 1998 Research Act is the requested information was not collected with each submission.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; farms.

Number of Respondents: 45.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 78.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Evaluation of Asset Accumulation Initiatives.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: This evaluation of programmatic options to promote saving among food stamp households was originally undertaken in response to a provision of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66). This legislation directs the Secretary of Agriculture to test, under limited circumstances, a modified food stamp policy. This data collection focuses on state and local initiatives that provide savings opportunities to populations that include a substantial proportion of food stamp households. Special purpose savings are targeted to low income populations. Often special purpose savings accounts legislation has been enacted in the context of state welfare initiatives. Twenty five states included Individual Development Account (IDA's) in welfare reform plans for Transitional Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information through telephone interviews to use in evaluating these asset accumulation initiatives.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information on the status of special-purpose account programs nationwide. An in-depth examination of the ways in which the programs are structured, how they operate, salient issues involved in their establishment and operation, and the response of the target populations will be studied. The information will be used by FNS to assess the desirability of relaxing asset accumulation rules via special-purpose

accounts. It will also provide FNS with useful information regarding the operational feasibility of such programs.

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

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 180.

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Title: Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Name and/or Emblem

OMB Control Number: 0524-0034

Summary of Collection: Use of the 4-H Name and/or Emblem is authorized by an Act of Congress, (Pub. L. 772, 80th Congress, 645, 2nd Session). Use of the 4-H Name and/or Emblem by anyone other than the 4-H Clubs and those duly authorized by them, representatives of the Department of Agriculture, the Land-Grant colleges and universities, and person authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture is prohibited by the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 707. The Secretary has delegated authority to the Administrator of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to authorize others to use the 4-H Name and Emblem. Therefore, anyone requesting authorization from the Administrator to use the 4-H Name and Emblem is asked to describe the proposed use in a formal application. CSREES will collect information using form CSREES-01 Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Club Name or Emblem.

Need and Use of the Information: CSREES will collect information on the name of individual, partnership, corporation, or association; organizational address, name of authorized representative; telephone number; proposed use of the 4-H Name or Emblem; and plan for sale or distribution of product. The information collected by CSREES will be used to determine if those applying to use the 4-H name and emblem are meeting the requirements and quality of materials, products and/or services provided to the public. If the information is not collected, it would not be possible to ensure that the products, services, and materials meet the high standards of 4-H, its educational goals and objectives.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (every 3 years).

Total Burden Hours: 20.

Farm Service Agency

Title: General Regulations Governing the Peanut Warehouse Storage Loan and Handler Operations—7 CFR 1446.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0014.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides price support to peanuts producers in the United States to their income and assure an adequate supply of peanuts for domestic use. In return for the guaranteed prices, limitations are placed on the amount of peanuts being produced and sold for domestic edible use. The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (The 1996 Act) revised the peanut program applicable to the peanut price support program for the 1996 through 2002 crop years. Regulations at 7 CFR Part 1446 have been amended to restrictions on transfer of peanuts from additional loan to quota loan. Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) contract for warehouse storage and related services. For handlers of contract additional peanuts, CCC uses the information to determine the amount of shrink allowed, the type of supervision required, the amount of export obligation and the amount of export disposition credit. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects information using forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA collects information on the name and address of warehouses, the examiner's report on the condition of the warehouse and of the stock stored therein and any corrections that need to be made, and the warehouse operator's actions to correct the conditions, if needed. If the information is not collected, the administration of the Peanut Price Support Program would be impaired and the Act would not be implemented as required by Congress.

Description of Respondents: Farms; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 25,800.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 28,752.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Tobacco Report.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0004.

Summary of Collection: The authority for the collections of information on Form TB-26, Tobacco Stocks Reports, is Public Law No. 661, commonly known as the Tobacco Statistics Act (7 U.S.C. 501-508) enacted in 1929. The Act directs the Secretary to collect statistics on the quantities of leaf tobacco held by dealers and manufacturers in the United

States and Puerto Rico. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products shipment, and unloads. The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information using forms TB–26, Tobacco Stocks Report, and TB–39, Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking, and Chewing Tobacco.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to monitor the size, growth, or decline of the market. The data is required for the calculation of production quotas for individual types of tobacco under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. Without the information USDA would not be able to disseminate marketing information as directed and authorized in the Act.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 81.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 298.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order 981.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0071.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR Part 981), regulates the handling of almonds grown in California and emanates from enabling legislation (the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1–19, 48 Stats. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674). This legislation, hereinafter referred to as the act, was designed to permit regulation of certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to growers. Regulations apply to almonds shipped within and outside of the production area to any market, except those specifically exempt. The Order also authorizes the establishment of production research and marketing research and development projects, including paid advertising. California accounts for all of the U.S. almond production, approximately 70% of which is exported. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using several forms submitted by growers and handlers.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information so industry statistics may be published, for program compliance reasons and to determine industry support for programs or changes thereto and determine qualifications. Without the information the Board would not be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and the Order.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 7,658.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 2,638.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2000 Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2000 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$130.00 per license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Warsack, Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1021 or telephone at (202) 720–9439 or e-mail at warsack@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles which are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the

license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Licensing Group, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Customs Service.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this Regulation.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2000 calendar year.

Notice

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 1999 has been determined to be \$335,352 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,582. Of the total cost, \$173,357 represent staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system during 1999; \$50,320 represents the total computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses during 1999; and \$111,675 represents other miscellaneous cost, including travel, postage, publications, forms, a new FAX machine, and an ADP system contractor.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2000 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$130.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC the 30th day of June, 1999.

Richard P. Warsack,

Licensing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet July 22, 1999, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3733, 14th Street between