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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of CCC to request reinstatement and revision of an information collection previously approved with respect to the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program (Step 2 program). The information collection will allow CCC to administer the Step 2 program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 10, 2002, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Timothy Murray, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Inventory Management Branch, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553, (202) 720-7398; e-mail Tim_Murray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement and Payment Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0136.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2002.

Type of Request: Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously-Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number 0560-0136, as identified above, allows CCC to administer the Upland Cotton User Agreement and User Marketing Certificate Program as authorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and

Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act). Section 136(a) of the 1996 Act authorizes payments to eligible U.S. textile manufacturers and exporters under the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program if, for 4 consecutive weeks, (1) the U.S. Northern Europe price, as quoted for Middling 1³/₃₂-inch cotton, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound, and (2) the prevailing upland cotton adjusted world market price is less than 134 percent of the current-crop base quality loan rate. Currently, to participate in the program, manufacturers and exporters must sign an agreement with CCC using form CCC-1045. Domestic manufacturers must report to CCC their weekly consumption of cotton as a basis for making payments. Exporters must provide basic shipping and invoice information for each shipment of cotton. No change is proposed in the existing information collection requirements, and program participants will not be required to sign a new agreement upon OMB's extension of this information collection. CCC provides a suggested format for the reports but program participants may submit the same information to CCC in a format that is convenient for them.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 14 minutes per response.

Respondents: U.S. cotton exporters and U.S. cotton mills.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 310.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 65.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,700 hours.

Comments are requested 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; and (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.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Timothy Murray at the address listed above. All comments will become a matter of public record.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 60 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 15, 2002.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-001N]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: 30th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), are sponsoring a public meeting on March 19, 2002, to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items that will be discussed at the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL), which will be held in Halifax, Canada on May 6-10, 2002. The Under Secretary and FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the Thirtieth Session of the Food Labelling Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and to address items on the Agenda for the 30th CCFL.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Auditorium, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD. To receive copies of the documents referenced in the notice contact the FSIS

Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700. The documents will also be accessible via the World Wide Web at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.net>. If you have comments, please send an original and two copies to the FSIS Docket Room, Docket #02-001N. All comments submitted will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough, U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, FSIS Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, *Phone:* (202) 205-7760, *Fax:* (202) 720-3157. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Dr. F. Edward Scarbrough at the above telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for protecting the health and economic interests of consumers and encouraging fair international trade in food. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled. In the United States, USDA, FDA, and EPA manage and carry out U.S. Codex activities.

The Codex Committee on Food Labeling drafts provision on labeling applicable to all foods; considers, amends if necessary, and endorses specific provisions on labeling of draft standards, codes of practice, and guidelines prepared by other Codex committees; studies specific labeling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and studies problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions. The Committee is chaired by Canada.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The provisional agenda items will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex Committees.
3. Consideration of Labelling Provisions in Draft Codex Standards.
4. Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Proposed Draft Revised Sections: Section 5—Criteria and Annex Annex 2—Permitted Substances.
5. (a) Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Foods obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods): Definitions.
- (b) Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Foods obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods and Food Ingredients Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification/Engineering): Labelling Provisions.
6. Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (Class names).
7. Proposed Draft Amendment to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (Section 3.2 Listing of Nutrients).
8. Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Use of Health and Nutrition Claims.
9. Proposed Draft Amendment to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods: Quantitative Declaration of Ingredients.
10. Discussion Paper on Country of Origin Labelling.
11. Discussion Paper on Misleading Claims.

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Canadian Secretariat to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Meeting

At the March 19th public meeting, the agenda items will be described, discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Comments may be sent to the FSIS Docket Room (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 30th CCFI.

Additional Public Notification

Pursuant to Departmental Regulation 4300-4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis," dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this notice on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Therefore, to better ensure that these groups and others are made aware of this meeting, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of the **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

The Agency provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS Web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding Agency policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** Notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, the Agency is able to provide information with a much broader, more diverse audience.

For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on March 6, 2002.

F. Edward Scarbrough,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Red Star Restoration; Tahoe National Forest, Placer County, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Star Fire burned 16,600 acres in August and September 2001, on the Tahoe and Eldorado National Forests. Of the total fire, approximately 9,478 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land burned on the Foresthill Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. The USDA, Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to reduce the fuel loading by removing fire-killed trees on approximately 7,700 acres on the Foresthill Ranger District as a result of the Star Fire. The Eldorado National Forest is preparing a separate environmental impact statement for