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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 10, 2004.

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), *Pamela_Beverly_OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental 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) 720-8681.

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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-III.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The School Nutrition Dietary Assessment Study-III (SNDA-III) will provide data from a nationally representative sample of public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to federal, state, and local policymakers with information on how the school meal programs have changed. The study will determine students' dietary intake, nutrition content and the impact of USDA meals and total intake over a twenty-four hour period and compare the finding to previously conducted studies on schools meals.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service will collect data to examine the school environment, food service operating practices, student participation and other characteristics of schools and School Food Authorities in the NSLP and School Breakfast Program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 8,737.

Frequency of Responses: Report: Other (One time).

Total Burden Hours: 8,309.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Quality Through Verification (QTV) Program.

OMB Control Number: 0581-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622—*et seq.*) authorizes the USDA to develop standards to carry out voluntary inspection and grading services, on a fee for service basis. Quality Through Verification (QTV) is a voluntary audit and verification services using science-based techniques that help maintain public confidence in the wholesomeness of minimally processed fruits and vegetables. Minimally processed fruits and vegetables are products that have been freshly cut, washed, packaged and maintained with refrigeration. The QTV is directed only toward the fresh-cut produce industry.

Need and Use of the Information: Agriculture Marketing Service will collect the data for the administration of QTV Program and perform systems

audits, verification and reviews of the QTV plans. All applicants requesting service must submit the required information to AMS.

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

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,372.

Sondra Blakey,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Farm Service Agency

The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the implementation of the assessment provisions of the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (the Act). The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to available space on a first-come basis. No fee will be required.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Requests to address the meeting and written comments on the subject of assessments must be submitted by November 18, 2004. To the extent possible, we will consider late-filed submissions.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in USDA's Jefferson Auditorium, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Requests to address the meeting and written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send to tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov.
- Fax: Send to (202) 720-6426.
- Mail: Send to Director, Tobacco Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0514, Room 4080-S,

1400 Independence Ave., SW.,
Washington, DC 20250-0514.

- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver to the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Tjeerdsma by phone at: (202) 690-2524; by fax at (202) 720-6426 or by e-mail at mary.tjeerdsma@usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting should contact Mary Tjeerdsma by November 18, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-357) (the Act) was enacted on October 22, 2004. The Act terminated the Federal Tobacco Marketing Quota and Price Support Loan Programs beginning with the 2005 crop year and provided that USDA will offer to enter into contracts with tobacco quota holders and producers for transitional payments.

In order to enter into a contract to receive these payments, a person must submit an application containing sufficient information to determine eligibility. For each of the 10 fiscal years beginning with 2005, a payment will be made to each eligible quota holder or producer. Total payments of up to \$7.00 per pound to quota holders and up to \$3.00 per pound to quota producers will be paid over the 10-year period, not to exceed \$10,140,000,000.

In order to fund the contract payments to quota holders and producers, the Secretary is required to impose quarterly assessments on each manufacturer and importer of tobacco products sold in the United States. Assessments will be deposited in a revolving trust fund within the Commodity Credit Corporation, to be known as the Tobacco Trust Fund. Beginning with the calendar quarter ending on December 31 of each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2014, the assessment payments for each of the four calendar-quarter periods must be sufficient to cover contract payments to quota holders and producers and other expenditures from the Tobacco Trust Fund that correspond to that period.

The Act provided the percentages of the total amount to be paid in fiscal year 2005 by manufacturers and importers of each class of tobacco product as follows:

- Cigarette—96.331%.
- Cigar—2.783%.
- Snuff—0.539%.
- Roll-your-own—0.171%.
- Pipe—0.066%.

The percentages for subsequent fiscal years will be adjusted to reflect any

change in the share of gross domestic sales volume held by each class of product.

The quarterly assessment to be paid by each manufacturer or importer of a class of tobacco product will be determined by the manufacturer's or importer's market share of that class of tobacco product for the quarter.

The full text of the Act is available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/buyout/>.

II. Registration

Registration may be by e-mail at tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov or you may contact the Public Meeting Coordinator, Mary Tjeerdsma, to register by phone at (202) 690-2524 or by fax at (202) 720-6426. The following information must be provided when registering to attend the meeting: Name, company name and address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and special needs information. A staff member will confirm your registration by e-mail, fax, or phone. You may also register in person at the meeting.

III. Presentations and Comment Format

A. Primary Speaker Presentations

Persons who wish to be primary speakers must register to attend the meeting before the day of the meeting using the registration procedures described above. At the time of registration, primary speakers must provide a brief, written statement regarding the nature of the information they intend to provide. In addition, on the day of the meeting, primary speakers must provide a written summary of their comments to the Public Meeting Coordinator.

B. "5-Minute" Speaker Presentations

Other attendees will be permitted to sign up at the meeting, on a first-come, first-served basis, to make 5-minute presentations on individual agenda items. Based on the number of items on the agenda and the progress of the meeting, a determination will be made at the meeting by the Public Meeting Coordinator and the meeting moderator regarding how many 5-minute speakers can be accommodated. In order to offer the same opportunity to all attendees, there is no pre-registration for 5-minute speakers. Attendees may sign up only on the day of the meeting to make a 5-minute presentation. They must provide their name, company name and address, contact information as specified on the sign up sheet, and identify the specific agenda item that will be addressed.

C. Written Comments

We welcome written comments from anyone, whether or not they have had

the opportunity to make an oral presentation. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or, by December 10, 2004 by the following methods:

- E-Mail: Send comments to tob_comments@wdc.usda.gov.
- Mail: Send comments to Director, Tobacco Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), STOP 0514, Room 4080-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0514.

IV. General Information

The meeting will be held in a Federal government building. Therefore, Federal security measures will be in force. In planning your arrival, we recommend allowing extra time to clear security. Entry to the building will be at the 4th Wing entrance on Independence Avenue. In order to enter the building, participants must bring a government-issued photo identification. Entry may be denied to persons without proper identification.

In addition, all persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to the meeting, whether personal or for the purposes of demonstration or support of a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or support of a presentation.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 11, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice-President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on December 9, 2004, in Eureka, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP).

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.