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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Food Stamp Program: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request—Federal Collection of State Participation Reporting

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) is publishing for public comment a summary of a proposed information collection. The proposed collection is an extension of collection currently approved under OMB No. 0584-0081.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 19, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to Joseph H. Pinto, Chief, State Administration Branch, Food Stamp Program, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Copies of the estimate of the information collection can be obtained by contacting Mr. Pinto.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) 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; (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.

All comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph H. Pinto, telephone number (703) 305-2383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Form FCS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates.

OMB Number: 0584-0081.

Expiration Date: September 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 18(b) of the Food Stamp Act limits the value of allotments paid to food stamp households to an amount not in excess of the appropriation for the fiscal year. If allotments in any fiscal year would exceed the appropriation, the Secretary of Agriculture is required to direct State agencies to reduce the value of food stamp allotments to the extent necessary to stay within appropriated funding levels.

Section 18(a) of the Food Stamp Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a monthly report to Congress setting forth the Secretary's best estimate of the second preceding month's expenditures for the Food Stamp Program as well as the cumulative total for the fiscal year. In each monthly report the Secretary is required to also state whether supplemental appropriations will be needed to support the operation of the program through the end of the fiscal year. The timeliness and accuracy of the data available to the Secretary prior to submitting this report will have a direct effect upon any request for supplemental appropriations that may be submitted and the manner in which allotments will be reduced if the supplemental appropriation is not provided. While benefit reductions have never been ordered in the past under Section 18(b) nor are they anticipated based on current data, the Department must continue to monitor actual program costs against the appropriation.

Section 11(e)(12) of the Food Stamp Act requires that the State Plan of Operations shall provide for the submission of reports required by the Secretary of Agriculture. State agencies are required to report on a monthly

basis on the FCS-388, State Issuance and Participation Estimates, estimated or actual issuance and participation data for the current month and previous month, and actual participation data for the second preceding month. The FCS-388 report provides the necessary data for an early warning system to enable the Department to fulfil its reporting requirements to Congress.

State agencies in general only submit one Statewide FCS-388 per month. The only exception is that State agencies which choose to operate an approved alternative issuance demonstration project such as cash-out or electronic benefits submit a separate report for each type of alternative issuance. With State agency automated information systems, the separate report for an alternative issuance demonstration project should have a negligible impact on the burden.

In addition, State agencies are required to submit a project area breakdown on the FCS-388A of issuance and participation data twice a year. This data is useful in identifying project areas that are required to do photo identification of heads of households or to operate fraud detection units in accordance with the Act.

Beginning July 1993, State agencies were allowed to submit the FCS-388 data electronically to the national database files stored in FCS' Food Stamp Program Integrated Information System in lieu of a paper report. The voluntary changeover from paper to electronic reporting of FCS-388 data by States was done as part of FCS' State Cooperative Data Exchange (SCDEX) Project. This project is being expanded each year as more FCS forms are transformed to electronic formats for State data entry. As of April 1996, 45 State agencies submit the FCS-388 data electronically and 8 State agencies submit paper reports.

Respondents: State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:

Form FCS-388: 53 State agencies 12 times a year.

Form FCS-388A: 53 State agencies twice a year.

Estimate of Burden:

Form FCS-388: The State agencies submit Form FCS-388 10 times per year at an estimate of 5.60 hours per

respondent, or 2,970 hours. The remaining two FCS-388 submissions with a public assistance (PA) and non-public assistance (NA) caseload breakout are covered under the FCS-388A twice a year submissions (see below).

Form FCS-388A: The State agencies submit a more detailed FCS-388 (with PA and NA breakout) twice a year and FCS-388A project area breakdown twice a year at an estimate of 14.8 hours per respondent, or 1,572 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0081 is estimated to be 4,542 hours and is unchanged from the currently approved burden.

Dated: June 6, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator.

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Rural Utilities Service

Municipal Interest Rates for the Third Quarter of 1996

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of municipal interest rates on advances from insured electric loans for the third quarter of 1996.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service hereby announces the interest rates for advances on municipal rate loans with interest rate terms beginning during the third calendar quarter of 1996.

DATES: These interest rates are effective for interest rate terms that commence during the period beginning July 1, 1996, and ending September 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Dotson, Loan Funds Control Assistant, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, room 2230-s, 14th Street & Independence Avenue, SW., AgBox 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: 202-720-1928. FAX: 202-720-4120. E-mail: CDotson@rus.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby announces the interest rates on advances made during the third calendar quarter of 1996 for municipal rate electric loans. Pursuant to RUS regulations at 7 CFR 1714.4, each advance of funds on a municipal rate loan shall bear interest at a single rate for each interest rate term. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates on these advances are based on indexes published in the "Bond Buyer" for the

four weeks prior to the first Friday of the last month before the beginning of the quarter.

In accordance with 7 CFR 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the third calendar quarter of 1996.

Interest rate term ends in	RUS rate (year)	(0.000 percent)
2017 or later	5.875	
2016	5.750	
2015	5.750	
2014	5.750	
2013	5.750	
2012	5.625	
2011	5.625	
2010	5.500	
2009	5.500	
2008	5.375	
2007	5.250	
2006	5.250	
2005	5.125	
2004	5.000	
2003	4.875	
2002	4.750	
2001	4.750	
2000	4.625	
1999	4.500	
1998	4.250	
1997	3.625	

Dated: June 12, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

ADAAG Review Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) gives notice of the dates and location of the meetings of the ADAAG Review Advisory Committee.

DATES: The ADAAG Review Advisory Committee will meet on July 7, 8, and 9, 1996. The July 7 and 8 meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end no later than 6:00 p.m. The July 9 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the offices of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Marsha Mazz, Office of Technical and Information

Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111.

Telephone (202) 272-5434 ext. 21 (voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 1994, the Access Board established an advisory committee to review the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for buildings and facilities. 36 CFR part 1191, appendix A. The advisory committee will make recommendations to the Access Board for updating ADAAG to ensure that the guidelines remain a state-of-the-art document which is generally consistent with technological developments and changes in national standards and model codes, and continue to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities. The advisory committee is scheduled to complete its work in September 1996.

The advisory committee will meet on the dates and at the location announced in this notice. At the meeting on July 7, 1996, the advisory committee will discuss the following items which were tabled from previous meetings: work areas (ADAAG 4.1.1(3)) and reach ranges (ADAAG 4.2 and 4.27). There will be a public comment period before each item for persons interested in the item to present their views to the advisory committee.

The advisory committee will also discuss the recommendations of a joint work group of the advisory committee and the ANSI A117 Committee regarding harmonization of ADAAG and the A117.1 standard. The advisory committee is expected to begin this discussion on the afternoon of July 7, 1996 and continue the discussion on July 8 and 9, 1996. There will be a public comment period each day before the advisory committee discusses the harmonization items.

The meetings are open to the public. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals with hearing impairments who require sign language interpreters should contact Marsha Mazz by June 28, 1996, by calling (202) 272-5434 ext. 21 (voice) or (202) 272-5449 (TTY).

James J. Raggio,

General Counsel.

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