

Compact States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont to implement the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, effective August 8, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard M. McKee, Director, USDA/AMS/Dairy Division, Room 2968, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456 (202) 720-4392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 147 of the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act (Pub. L. 104-127) establishes Congressional consent for the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact (the Compact) entered into by the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont subject to several conditions. The FAIR Act provides that "Based upon a finding by the Secretary of a compelling public interest in the Compact region, the Secretary may grant the States that have ratified the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, as of the date of enactment of this title, the authority to implement the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact." The Secretary issued the following on August 8, 1996:

Finding and Authorization of Secretary Dan Glickman on the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact

Whereas the State legislatures in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont have approved the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, the governor of each Compact State has signed a resolution supporting the Compact, the Congress has consented to the Compact in the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996, and approximately ninety-five percent of the comments the Department of Agriculture received regarding the Compact supported its implementation, I hereby find that a compelling public interest in the Compact region exists and authorize the Compact States to implement the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. This finding and authorization shall be effective immediately and shall be published in the Federal Register.

On August 9, 1996, Secretary Glickman issued the following press statement concerning the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact:

The State legislatures in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont have approved the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, the governor of each Compact State has signed a resolution supporting the Compact, and the Congress has consented to the Compact in the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996. In addition, approximately 95 percent of the comments the Department of Agriculture received regarding the Compact supported its

implementation. For these reasons, I have found that a compelling public interest in the Compact region exists and have authorized the Compact States to implement the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. This finding and authorization became effective today and will be published in the Federal Register.

While it is unclear what specific actions the Compact Commission will take to implement the Compact, I am concerned about the potential effects of the Compact in several respects. I intend, therefore, to monitor closely its implementation. I also encourage Congress to exercise its oversight function and monitor the implementation of the Compact. If my expectations are not met, or if conditions otherwise warrant, I will revoke this authorization to implement the Compact.

I expect that the Compact Commission will implement the Compact in a way that does not burden other regions of the country, consistent with the provisions of the FAIR Act and the Compact. I would be greatly concerned if the Commission restricts in any way the ability of producers to ship milk into the Compact region. I will monitor whether the Compact has any adverse effects on the income of dairy producers outside the Compact region as well as the extent to which the Commission utilizes its authority to impose production controls to minimize the effect of the Compact on other dairy producing regions. I also expect the Commission to ensure that its actions are flexible and responsive to changing supply, demand and price conditions in milk markets.

Perhaps most significantly, I am deeply concerned about and will closely monitor the effect of the Compact on consumers, especially low-income families, within the Compact region. I expect that the Commission will pay close attention to and monitor the effects of its decisions on consumers before and after it takes any action. I also expect the Commission and the Compact States to provide assistance to offset any increased burden on low-income families in the Compact region. I am also concerned about the effect of the Compact on the Department of Agriculture's nutrition programs, and I expect the Commission to exercise its authority to reimburse participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and to fulfill its obligation to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation, as provided in the Compact and in the FAIR Act.

The Compact is a transitional milk marketing system for the region and will expire when a new nationwide Federal milk marketing order structure is implemented. I believe the approach outlined in this statement offers the best opportunity to strengthen the dairy industry in the Compact region during the transition to the reformed milk marketing order structure required by the FAIR Act.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Shirley R. Watkins,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on September 11, 1996, at the Skamania County Annex in Stevenson, Washington. The purpose of the meeting is to continue work on subcommittee tasks from previous meetings. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. The meeting will resume at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Subcommittee recommendations on Advisory Committee vision and work priorities, (2) Advisory Committee Monitoring Opportunities, (3) Update on Advisory Committee Charter Renewals, (4) Forest Plan Allocation assumptions and their relationship to timber harvest levels, (5) Subcommittee update on socioeconomic health measures. (6) Public Open Forum.

All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. This open forum provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The open forum is scheduled as part of agenda item (6) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sue Lampe, Public Affairs, at (360) 750-5091, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, PO Box 8944, Vancouver, WA 98668-8944.

Dated: August 20, 1996.

Ted C. Stubblefield,

Forest Supervisor.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 9–11, 1996 at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, September 9, 1996

9:00 AM–Noon Technical Programs Committee

Tuesday, September 10, 1996

2:00 PM–4:00 PM Technical Programs Committee

4:00 PM–5:00 PM Planning and Budget Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

9:00 AM–11:00 AM Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws and Statutory Review

11:00 AM–Noon Executive Committee

1:30 PM–3:30 PM Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272–5434 ext. 14 (voice) and (202) 272–5449 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 15 and July 10, 1996 Board Meetings.
- ADAAG Review Advisory Committee Report.
- Executive Committee Report.
- Technical Programs Committee Report.
- Planning and Budget Committee Report.
- Status Report by Standard Setting Agencies on Implementing Regulations for Access to Federal Facilities.
- Schedule for Completing State and Local Government Facilities Guidelines and Federal Facilities Guidelines.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and an assistive listening system are available at all meetings.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Institute of Museum Services

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Institute of Museum Services, NFAH.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the agency requests comment on a information collection prior to submitting it to the Office of Management and Budget for review. The collection is entitled Financial Status Report Form.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 28, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Rebecca Danvers, Program Director, Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20506. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Iminfo@ims.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Submit requests for more information, including copies of the proposed collection of information and supporting documentation, to IMS Program Office, Institute of Museum Services, Room 609, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information Collection Request

IMS is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request.

Title: Financial Status Report OMB No. 3137–0025, Expiration date 9/30/96.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are museums that have received grants from the Institute of Museum Services.

Abstract: This form is an abbreviated version of the OMB SF 269 (Financial Status Report). It is needed for use of museums unfamiliar with federal government requirements. Only the information required by IMS is requested on this form.

Burden Statement: For this collection, the estimated average burden hours is 1 and the frequency of response is once. The number of respondents is 900.

II. Request for Comments

IMS solicits comments to:

- (i) Evaluate 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.

- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection, or other technological collections techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Public Inspection

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as Confidential Business Information, (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record.

Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by IMS without prior notice. All comments, written and printed versions of electronic comments, not including any information claimed as CBI, are available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, in Rm. 510, Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC.

List of Subjects

Financial Disclosure Reporting, Grant Monitoring, Museums.

Dated: August 21, 1996.

Mamie Bittner,

Director of Public and Legislative Affairs, Institute of Museum Services.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Institute of Museum Services.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Museum Services Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under the Government through the Sunshine Act (Public Law 94–409) and regulations of the Institute of Museum Services, 45 CFR 1180.84.