

(Form FCS-278B, formerly Form FNS-278B) submitted by a participating retailer. Authorized entities use these certificates when depositing food coupons at financial institutions. On occasion, particularly with small businesses, the owner's business address may also be the owner's home address.

(10) USDA/FCS will disclose information from this system of records to the Internal Revenue Service, for the purpose of reporting delinquent retailer and wholesaler monetary penalties of \$600 or more for violations committed under the Food Stamp Program. USDA/FCS will report each delinquent debt to the Internal Revenue Service on Form 1099-C (Cancellation of Debt). USDA/FCS will report these debts to the Internal Revenue Service under the authority of the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR parts 1 and 602) under section 6050P of the Internal Revenue Code.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

File folders, magnetic tapes, and computer disks.

RETRIEVABILITY:

In STARS, the personal identifying information is retrievable by owner's name and by SSN.

SAFEGUARDS:

1. *Authorized Users:* When designing, developing and/or operating a system of records on individuals, contractors are required to comply with all provisions of the Privacy Act. Contractors are required to maintain and protect the personal data and cannot release or share data without consulting with FCS. Access to records maintained within FCS is limited to those staff officials responsible for the subject system of records. Otherwise, access is limited to persons authorized and needing to use the records, including project directors, contract officers, programmers, analysts, statisticians, statistical clerks and key punch operators on the staff of the contractors or in the FCS.

2. *Physical Safeguards:* Paper records are stored in locked safes, locked files, and locked offices when not in use. Computer terminals used to process personal identifiable data are located in secured areas and are accessible only to authorized users. Back up records which are stored off-site shall be used and stored under the same secure conditions.

3. *Procedural Safeguards:* In order to access STARS, each authorized individual is given a personal access ID

and password. The individual's password must be changed at least every 45 days or whenever the individual feels it might have been compromised.

Access to personal information contained in the STARS database and to the paper record files is restricted to those individuals who have been authorized by FCS and who have a need to know such information in the performance of their official duties in administering the Food Stamp Act and other Federal and State laws. SSNs cannot be viewed on screen in STARS by those individuals who are not specifically authorized to view them.

FCS personnel, project officers, and contract officers oversee compliance with these requirements. When appropriate, FCS personnel will review the site facilities to ensure that records have been maintained in accordance with the terms of this notice.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

In STARS, the personal identifying information is maintained indefinitely. The applications for authorization and reauthorization are kept in the FCS field offices for three years and then destroyed pursuant to the applicable document retention and disposal schedule.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Thomas O'Connor, Director, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Consumer Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Room 706, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Any individual may request information regarding this system of records from the System Manager. The request must be in writing.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

An individual who wishes to request access to records in the system which pertains to him or her may submit a written request to the System Manager. The envelope and the letter should be marked, "Privacy Act Request". An individual may be required to reference the record by furnishing name, address, Social Security Number, and/or other identifiers needed by FCS.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their request to the System Manager. The request should include, as appropriate, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the information with supporting information to show how the

record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or irrelevant.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system comes from the authorization and reauthorization applications of stores and other entities which are currently participating in the Food Stamp Program, as well as information on file for those entities which have previously participated in the program. Personal information in this system of records is also obtained from the owners and officers of such entities as reported on the authorization and reauthorization applications.

The STARS database also keeps a food stamp redemption history on such entities. The database maintains the dollar amount of food stamp benefits accepted by each entity currently authorized or previously authorized.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request: Supplemental
Security Income (SSI)/Food Stamp
Program (FSP) Joint Processing
Alternatives Demonstration Evaluation**

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service,
USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intent to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the data collection for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Food Stamp Program (FSP) Joint Processing Alternatives Demonstration Evaluation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 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. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: SSI/FSP Joint Processing Alternatives Demonstration Evaluation.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The SSI/FSP joint processing alternative demonstration in South Carolina seeks to improve the delivery of food assistance to elderly and disabled SSI recipients by using a single application and information source to facilitate the participation of SSI clients in the Food Stamp Program. The demonstration evaluation will provide information on how the demonstration changes from normal program requirements affect FSP participation and benefits, FSP and SSI administrative costs, timeliness and accuracy of application processing, and client satisfaction.

The evaluation's data collection consists of two telephone-interview surveys: (1) Interviews with randomly-selected respondents from three groups of SSI applicants (demonstration participants, demonstration-eligible clients who receive food stamps through regular processing, and demonstration-eligible clients who do not receive food stamps) to assess client satisfaction; and (2) interviews with both FSP and SSI program managers and caseworkers to measure the effectiveness of the demonstration from their perspectives.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes for the clients and 30 minutes for the staff.

Respondents: For the client survey, the client or a designated proxy, if the selected respondent is incapable of answering the questions directly due to disabilities which prevent a coherent interview, will serve as the interview respondent. For the staff survey, program managers and caseworkers knowledgeable about the demonstration will serve as the interview respondent.

Estimated Number of Respondents: There will be 1,200 (400 for each subgroup) respondents for the client survey and 24 (8 program managers and 16 caseworkers) respondents for the staff survey.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 412 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Diana Perez, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designations for the Decatur (IL), Grand Forks (ND), McCrea (IA) Areas and the State of South Carolina

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of Decatur Grain Inspection, Inc. (Decatur), Grand Forks Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Grand Forks), John R. McCrea Agency, Inc. (McCrea), and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (South Carolina) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the June 28, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 33706), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by August 1, 1996. Decatur, Grand

Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina were the only applicants for the respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective January 1, 1997, and ending December 31, 1999, Decatur, Grand Forks, McCrea, and South Carolina are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the June 28, 1996, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Decatur at 217-429-2466, Grand Forks at 701-772-0151, McCrea at 319-242-2073, and South Carolina at 803-554-1311.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: November 20, 1996

Neil E. Porter

Director, Compliance Division

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 20, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice