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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Request for Reinstatement, of a Previously Approved Collection for Which Approval Has Expired

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 103-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to request reinstatement, of a previously approved collection, the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals, for which approval has expired.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before July 31, 1997.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Alanna J. Moshfegh, Research Leader, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4700 River Road, Unit 83, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8457.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals.

*OMB Number:* 0518-0020.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, of a previously approved collection, the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals, for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* USDA has been conducting nationwide food surveys since the 1930's as one means of fulfilling its

responsibility to ensure the health and well-being of Americans through improved nutrition. USDA food consumption surveys measure the levels and shifts in the food and nutrient content and the nutritional adequacy of U.S. diets over time, and provide other information pertinent to understanding diets and their determinants.

The Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII) is a major component of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program (NNMRRP), established by the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-445). The CSFII addresses the requirement of the 1990 Act for continuous monitoring of the dietary and nutritional status of the U.S. population and trends with respect to such status by obtaining information on food intakes by individuals.

The proposed Supplemental Children's Survey to the Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals 1994-96 is in direct response to the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-170), which mandates USDA to conduct food consumption surveys that will provide adequate data on consumption patterns of infants and children. To the extent practicable, the procedures shall include the collection of data on food consumption patterns of a statistically valid sample of infants and children.

The primary public policy applications of USDA's food consumption survey include evaluating the adequacy of American diets in relationship to scientific and Federal dietary recommendations and goals. Critical applications include monitoring the dietary status of at-risk population subgroups including children; estimating exposure to pesticide residues, food additives, and contaminants; and monitoring and evaluating food use across the population specifically as it relates to food safety issues. Other key applications include assessing the nutritional impact of Federal food assistance programs; developing food fortification, enrichment, and labeling policies and assessing the nutritional impact of those policies; and assessing demand for agricultural products. Timely food consumption data are

essential for meeting the information needs of these critical applications.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 75 minutes per response.

*Respondents:* Non-institutional infants and children residing in private households for intake surveys.

*Estimate Number of Respondents:* 4,800 over 1 year.

*Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 6,000 hours.

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from Alanna J. Moshfegh, Research Leader, Food Surveys Research Group at (301) 734-8457.

#### Comments

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 forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Alanna J. Moshfegh, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4700 River Road, Unit 83, Riverdale, MD 20737. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Beltsville, MD, April 18, 1997.

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