

kilograms (100,568,201 pounds) is established in accordance with section 136(b) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act) under Presidential Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and Presidential Proclamation 6948 of October 29, 1996. The quota is referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 13, effective May 22, 1997, and is set forth in subheading 9903.52.13, subchapter III, chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

**DATES:** The quota is effective as of May 22, 1997, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than August 19, 1997 (90 days from the date the quota is established), and entered into the United States not later than November 17, 1997 (180 days from the date the quota is established).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene Rosera, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Stop 0518, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-3452.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1996 Act requires that a special import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1-<sup>2</sup>/<sub>32</sub> inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound. This condition was met during the consecutive 10-week period that ended March 13, 1997. Therefore, a quota referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Import Quota Announcement Number 13, effective May 22, 1997, is hereby established.

Previously there were only 20 subheadings available for designating upland cotton special import quotas in subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS. Therefore, at most, only 20 such quotas could be in effect at one time and any additional quota which had been triggered could not become effective until the earliest of the 20 quotas ended. However, Presidential Proclamation 6948 dated October 29, 1996, added six new HTS subheadings for quotas—21 through 26. A maximum of 26 quotas may now be in effect at one time.

To be effective as soon as possible, Quota 13 is established as of May 22, 1997, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than August 19,

1997, and entered into the United States not later than November 17, 1997. The quota amount, 45,616,931 kilograms (100,568,201 pounds), is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—November 1996 through January 1997. The special import quota identifies a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to Extra Long Staple cotton.

**Authority:** Sec. 136, Pub. L. 104-127 and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 27, 1997.

**Dan Glickman,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension for and revision to a currently approved collection of information in support of assignment of payment and joint payment authorization. The assignment of payment and joint payment authorization collection information is being separated from inclusion with several other unrelated forms previously cleared under OMB 0560-0004 to eliminate confusion with other requirements and to provide clear information specifically for the assignment of payment and joint payment authorization.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 1, 1997, to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Jay Jagolta, Systems Accountant, Financial Management Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0581, 1400

Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0581, (703) 305-1311.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Assignment of Payment and Joint Payment Authorization.

**OMB Number:** New submission.

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 1997.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** When a recipient of a CCC or FSA payment chooses to assign a payment to another party, assignor and assignee information is collected. Collection of this information must be completed in order to ensure that the payment will be made to the proper entity. FSA collects only the information needed to properly assign the payment to another party. Requirements from previously approved information collections are unchanged.

When a recipient of a CCC or FSA payment chooses to have program payments made jointly to the producer and another party, joint payee information is collected. In order to make program payments jointly, CCC requires authorization from the producer. Collection of this information must be completed in order to ensure that the payment will be made to the proper entities. This payment option is strictly for the convenience of the producer and is not contained in regulations. FSA collects only the information needed to properly issue the joint payment to the producer and another party. Requirements from previously approved information collections are unchanged.

Failure to obtain assignor and assignee information would prevent CCC or FSA from making payments to assignees. Failure to obtain joint payee information would prevent CCC or FSA from making payments jointly.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for the collection of information for assignment of payment is estimated to average .167 hours per response for CCC-36, Assignment of Payment; CCC-251, Notice of Assignment; CCC-252, Instrument of Assignment; and CCC-37, Joint Payment Authorization.

**Respondents:** Individual producers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 70,900.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 11,778 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include: (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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Jay Jagolta, Systems Accountant, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Financial Management Division, STOP 0581, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0581, (202) 305-1311.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 13, 1997.

**Richard O. Newman,**

*Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Notice of Request for Extension, Revision, and Separation of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension for the Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation certification requirements and to separate from collections currently approved under OMB No. 0560-0004 which includes several other unrelated areas for information collection. This information is collected in support of the conservation provisions of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 and the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 1, 1997, to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact LaVonne Maas, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0517, (202) 720-8128.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.

**OMB Number:** New submission.

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 1997.

**Type of Request:** Extension and revision of that portion of a previously approved information collection that relates to the Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation requirements. The conservation requirements are being separated from inclusion with several other unrelated forms to eliminate confusion with other requirements and to provide clear information specifically for the conservation requirements according to 7 CFR part 12.

**Abstract:** Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 and the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 conditions certain Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefits on compliance with certain requirements relating to highly erodible lands and wetlands. Rules governing those requirements are codified in 7 CFR Part 12. In order to ensure that persons who request benefits subject to the conservation restrictions get technical assistance needed and are informed regarding the compliance requirements on their land, information is collected with regard to their intended activities on their land that could affect their eligibility for requested USDA benefits. Once technical determinations are made, producers are required to certify that they will comply with the conservation requirements on their land to maintain their eligibility.

Persons may request that certain activities be exempt according to provisions of the statute. Information is collected from those who seek these exemptions for the purpose of evaluating whether the exempted conditions will be met.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Individual producers.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 506,350.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 109,477 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to LaVonne Maas, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0517, (202) 720-8128.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 13, 1997.

**Richard O. Newman,**

*Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension for and revision to the Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife provisions. This information is collected in support of programs administered by FSA. The Power of Attorney collection information is being separated from inclusion with several other unrelated