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Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .555 hours per response.

Respondents: Fresh Bartlett pear growers and handlers in the designated production areas in Oregon and Washington.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,565.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.3546.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1176.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, DC, 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Dated: July 3, 1997.

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Acting Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV97-985-2 NC]

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

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for the handling of spearmint oil produced in the Far West, Marketing Order No. 985.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 15, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Caroline C. Thorpe, Marketing Order Administration Branch, F & V, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2523-S, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456, telephone: (202) 720-8139 or FAX: (202) 720-5698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West, Marketing Order 985.

OMB Number: 0581-0065.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Marketing order programs provide an opportunity for producers of fresh fruits, vegetables and specialty crops, in a specified production area, to work together to solve marketing problems that cannot be solved individually. Order regulations help ensure adequate supplies of high quality product and adequate returns to producers. Under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (AMAA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 601-674), industries enter into marketing order programs. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to oversee the order operations and issue regulations recommended by a committee of representatives from each commodity industry.

The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMAA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer the program, which has operated since 1980.

The Far West spearmint oil marketing order regulates the handling of spearmint oil produced in the Far West (Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and designated parts of Nevada and Utah), hereinafter referred to as the "order." The order authorizes the issuance of allotment provisions for producers and regulates the quantities of spearmint oil handled. The order also has research and development authority.

The order, and rules and regulations issued thereunder, authorize the Spearmint Oil Administrative Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for local administration of the order, to require handlers and producers to submit certain information. Much of this information is compiled in aggregate and provided to the industry to assist in marketing decisions.

The Committee has developed forms as a means for persons to file required information with the Committee relating to spearmint oil supplies, shipments, dispositions, and other information needed to effectively carry out the purpose of the AMAA and order. The marketing year for the order is June 1 through May 31, with production occurring in the months of June through September. Forms are utilized throughout the year. A USDA form is used to allow producers to vote on amendments to or continuance of the marketing order. In addition, the Committee is composed of spearmint oil producers, nominated by their peers, and public members nominated by the Committee. Since both groups serve on the Committee, they must file nomination forms with the Secretary.

Formal rulemaking amendments to the order must be approved in referenda conducted by the Secretary. Also, the Secretary may conduct a continuance referendum to determine industry support for continuation of the order. Handlers are asked to sign an agreement to indicate their willingness to abide by the provisions of the order whenever the order is amended. These forms are included in this request.

The forms covered under this information collection require the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the order, and their use is necessary to fulfill the intent of the AMAA as expressed in the order, and the rules and regulations issued under the order.

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information and AMS is the secondary user.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.120 hours per response.

Respondents: Far West spearmint oil producers and handlers in the designated production area in the States of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and parts of Nevada and Utah.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 264.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.136.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 195.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 should reference OMB No. 0581-0065 and the Far West Spearmint Oil Marketing Order No. 985, and be mailed to Docket Clerk, Fruit and Vegetable Division, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2525-S, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of the Docket Clerk during regular USDA business hours at 14th and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C., room 2525 South Building.

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.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

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Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-041N]

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

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) intention to request an extension for and revision of a currently approved information collection regarding processing procedures and quality control systems.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 15, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Processing Procedures and Quality Control Systems.

OMB Number: 0583-0089.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protects the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

To carry out its responsibility, FSIS has promulgated specific regulations containing requirements for the processing of certain meat and poultry products. FSIS requires that establishments producing cooked beef, roast beef, and corned beef document the time, temperature, and humidity at which the product is cooked and cooled. FSIS program employees review these records no less than three times a week to ensure regulatory compliance.

Establishments canning meat and poultry products must document the

date of production; type of product canned; canning process used; size and type of container used; and any time/temperature processing requirements. FSIS program employees review these records no less than three times a week to verify regulatory compliance.

Additionally, FSIS permits establishments to develop total quality control (TQC) systems or partial quality control (PQC) programs which provide establishments with flexibility in meeting FSIS's regulations. TQC systems encompass all aspects of product processing; PQC programs cover only a specific processing operation. Quality control systems/programs incorporate inspection activities contained in FSIS's regulations.

TQC systems and PQC programs must contain detailed information concerning the manner in which the system will function. Such information must include procedures for raw material control; the nature and frequency of tests to be made; the critical check or control points to be addressed; the nature of charts and other records that will be used; the length of time such charts and records will be maintained; the nature of deficiencies the system is designed to identify and control; the parameters or limits that will be used; and the points at which corrective action will occur and the nature of such corrective action—ranging from the least to the most severe. FSIS program employees review TQC and PQC system charts and records. FSIS program employees review these records no less than three times a week to ensure regulatory compliance.

Because of the continued need for these information collection activities, FSIS is requesting OMB extension for and revision of the Information Collection Request covering information collection activities related to these requirements.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 120 hours per response.

Respondents: Meat and poultry establishments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,186.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2,292.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 743,750 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment and comments can be obtained from Lee Puricelli, Paperwork Specialist, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 300 12th Street SW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20250-3700, (202) 720-0346.