

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 Mr. James R. Rodeheaver, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 96456, Room 0709 South Building, Washington, DC 20090-6456, (202) 720-4693 telephone; (202) 690-1087 Fax.

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: September 23, 1997.

Robert C. Keeney,

Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-057-1]

General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan; Renewal

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan for a 2-year period. The Secretary has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew Rhorer, Senior Coordinator, National Poultry Improvement Plan, VS, APHIS, Suite A102, 1500 Klondike Road, Conyers, Georgia 30207-5115, (404) 922-3496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the General Conference Committee of the National Poultry Improvement Plan (Committee) is to maintain and ensure industry involvement in Federal administration of matters pertaining to poultry health.

The Committee Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. There are seven members on the Committee with 4-year staggered terms. This Committee differs somewhat from other advisory committees in the selection process and composition of its membership. The poultry industry elects the members of the Committee. The members represent six geographic areas with one member-at-large. The membership is not subject to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's review, and a formal request for nominations for membership is not published in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of September 1997.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation.

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) to request an extension for an information collection currently approved in support of the Cotton Loan Program Regulations issued under authority of the CCC Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 28, 1997 to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: George A. Stickels, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Price Support Division, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-7935; e-mail gstickel@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or facsimile (202) 690-3307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Cotton Loan Program, 7 CFR part 1427.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0074.

Expiration Date: January 31, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 0560-0074, as identified above, is needed to enable the FSA to effectively administer the regulation relating to all aspects of the cotton loan program.

USDA Service Centers, independent Cotton Clerks, Cooperative Marketing Associations and Loan Servicing Agents use various manual and automated forms to collect information from cotton producers for purposes of administering the cotton loan program. The public reporting burden for cotton loan program participants is shown in the following estimates:

Respondents: Cotton producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Estimated Average Time to Respond: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 513,255.

Estimated Number of Reports Filed per Person: 2.56.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 128,318 hours.

Topics for comments include, but are not limited to, the following: (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 to be collected; or (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 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 George A. Stickels, Program Specialist, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Price Support Division, STOP 0512, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0512; telephone (202) 720-7935; e-mail gstickel@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; e-mail copies of the information collection may be obtained from George A. Stickels at

the above address. 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.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 21, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,
Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 08/21/97-09/17/97

| Firm name | Address | Date Petition Accepted | Project |
|---|---|------------------------|---|
| Voorwood Company | 2350 Barney Street, Anderson, CA 96007 | 08/21/97 | Woodworking and Finishing Equipment. |
| Freeway Corporation | 9301 Allen Drive Cleveland, OH 44125 ... | 08/22/97 | Steel Roller Bearings Assemblies, Washers, and Dimension Stampings. |
| Catahoula Manufacturing, Inc. | 2901 Fourth Street, Jonesville, LA 71343 | 08/25/97 | Fishing Nets. |
| Overhoff Technology Corporation | 1160 U.S. Route 50, Milford, OH 45150 .. | 09/02/97 | Tritium Monitors. |
| New Bedford Panoramex Corporation | 1037 West Ninth Street, Upland, CA 91786. | 09/03/97 | Airfield Navigation Systems. |
| Granite Knitwear, Inc. | P.O. Box 498, Granite Quarry, NC 28072 | 09/08/97 | Tee Shirts for Adults and Youth. |
| Hauser Corporation | 3265 Blue Heron View, Macedon, NY 14502. | 09/08/97 | Auto Transmission Parts and Cases, Auto Gear parts, Water Pump housings, and Misc. Metal parts. |
| Greg Arceneaux Cabinetmakers | 67230 Industry Lane, Covington, LA 70433. | 09/09/97 | Wooden Furniture. |
| Perfect Measuring Tape Company (The) | 1116 Summit Street, Toledo, OH 43604 .. | 09/12/97 | Printed Paper Measuring Tape and Tape Dispensers. |
| Dacor Corporation | 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, IL 60093 | 09/12/97 | Regulators for Scuba diving, Diving instruments for calculating depth, direction, time, etc. |
| Merrick Industries, Inc. | 10 Arthur Drive, Lynn Haven, FL 32444 .. | 09/15/97 | Scales for Continuous Weighing of Goods on conveyors. |
| Alloy Trailers, Inc. | P.O. Box 19208, Spokane, WA 99219 | 09/16/97 | Truck Trailer and Related parts. |

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, no later than the close of business of the

tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

Anthony J. Meyer,
Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091297A]

Marine Mammals; Pinniped Removal Authority

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a 4-year extension to the Letter of Authorization (LOA) to the State of Washington for the lethal removal of individually identifiable California sea lions that are having significant negative impact on the status and recovery of winter steelhead that migrate through