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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 7, 1997.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) May be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency May not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

- Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Regulations for the Donation of Foods for use in the United States, its Territories and Possessions and Areas Under its Jurisdiction (7 CFR Part 250).

OMB Control Number: 0581-New.

Summary of Collection: The State Option Contract is completed by cooperating State agencies. The States report contractual information to assure the correct billing between the Agency and the State agency.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to assure compliance with and administration of the SOC program.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 40.

- Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Processing Procedures and Quality Control Systems.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0089.

Summary of Collection: The information collection addresses processing procedures for meat and poultry products and quality control systems.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is necessary to ensure that meat and poultry products are wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,186.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Daily.

Total Burden Hours: 743,906.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Tomatoes from France, Morocco and Western Sahara, Chile, and Spain.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: Each shipment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the tomatoes were grown in registered greenhouses.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will provide importers and consumers in the U.S. with additional sources of tomatoes while continuing to provide protection against the introduction and dissemination of injurious plant pests.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 220.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Export certification:

Accreditation of non-Government Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 0579-New.

Summary of Collection: Non-government facilities wishing to become accredited laboratories must submit an application and provide information on equipment a quality manual, and personnel employed.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to provide additional qualified personnel and laboratory facilities to conduct export certification activities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

Donald Hulcher,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 94-116-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Approval Received

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Office of Management and Budget's approval of a collection of information contained in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's final rule that allows fresh Hass avocado fruit from Michoacan, Mexico, to be imported into certain areas of the United States under certain conditions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cheryl Jenkins, APHIS Information

Collection Coordinator, AIM, APHIS, suite 2C42, 4700 River Road Unit 103, Riverdale, MD 20737-1235, (301) 734-5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 5, 1997, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 5293-5315, Docket No. 94-116-5) amending 7 CFR 319.56 to allow fresh Hass avocado fruit from Michoacan, Mexico, to be imported into certain areas of the United States under certain conditions. That rule contains information collection requirements. On October 23, 1997, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information requirements with respect to that final rule under OMB control number 0579-0129 (expires October 31, 2000).

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of November 1997.

Charles P. Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Forms FCS-683, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report and FCS-203, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report, and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations.

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) intention to request revision and extension of a currently approved information collection pursuant to the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations. The currently approved collection includes the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report, the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations. The proposed revision and extension will include a reduction in overall burden under the regulations due to previous overestimation of costs for

some reporting items and a reduction in burden for the Recipient Report based on the elimination of the monthly reporting requirement.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be postmarked by January 12, 1998.

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: Barbara Hallman, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 540, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of information collection forms and instructions should be directed to: Barbara Hallman or Debra Whitford, (703) 305-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Financial Report, WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Recipient Report and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Regulations.

OMB Number: 0584-0447.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of a Currently Approved Collection Form.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 17(m)(8) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1786(m)(8), section 248.23 of the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) regulations requires that certain Program-related information be compiled and submitted to FCS. Based on reassessment of our previous calculations for reporting and recordkeeping for the FMNP, we realized that we had overstated the time necessary to complete some reporting

items. In addition, respondents' experience in implementing and administering the program has reduced the cost overall. The number of estimated hours per response for selection of farmers/farmers' markets has been reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour for a total of 1,248 burden hours. The number of estimated hours per response for completion of the State Plan has been reduced from 50 hours to 30 hours for a total of 900 burden hours. The overall burden for FMNP regulations has been reduced from 5,952 hours to 4,664 hours.

The burden hours for completion of the FMNP Recipient Report (FCS-203) have been decreased from 1.5 hours to 1 hour per response due to elimination of the requirement for monthly recipient counts. This revision allows States to report annual totals for each category of information indicated on the form rather than entering monthly totals. Due to the short, seasonal nature of the program, it is administratively more efficient for States to report data once for the entire program year rather than on a monthly basis.

Affected Public: State Directors of the FMNP, farmers and market managers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 39.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response for the Financial Report (FCS-683); 1 hour per response for the Recipient Report (FCS-203); and 76.5 hours per response for other program reporting requirements that do not require specific forms. Examples include, but are not limited to the submission of State Plans, monitoring requirements and authorization of farmers and markets. These requirements, together with the financial and recipient reporting requirements; give an overall total of 80.5 hours per response. These totals include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

Yvette S. Jackson,

Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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